

(d) On each Distribution Date (x) the Master Servicer on behalf of the Trustee or (y) the Paying Agent appointed by the Trustee, shall distribute to each Certificateholder of record on the next preceding Record Date (other than as provided in Section 9.01 respecting the final distribution) either in immediately available funds (by wire transfer or otherwise) to the account of such Certificateholder at a bank or other entity having appropriate facilities therefor, if such Certificateholder has so notified the Master Servicer or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, or, if such Certificateholder has not so notified the Master Servicer or the Paying Agent by the Record Date, by check mailed to such Certificateholder at the address of such Holder appearing in the Certificate Register such Certificateholder's share (which share with respect to each Class of Certificates, shall be based on the aggregate of the Percentage Interests represented by Certificates of the applicable Class held by such Holder of the following amounts), in the following order of priority, in each case to the extent of the Group II Available Distribution Amount on deposit in the Certificate Account (except, with respect to clause (i) below, to the extent of the Class A-II Interest Distribution Amount, with respect to clauses (ii), (xiv) and (xix) below, to the extent of the remaining Group II Available Distribution Amount plus the remaining Hedge Payment or, with respect to clause (xix)(B) below, to the extent of prepayment charges on deposit in the Certificate Account):

(i) to the Class A-II Certificateholders, the Group II REMIC Interest Amount payable on the Class A-II Certificates with respect to such Distribution Date, plus any related amounts accrued pursuant to this clause (i) but remaining unpaid from any prior Distribution Date, which amount shall be allocated to the Class A-II Certificateholders on a pro rata basis, based upon the amount of Group II REMIC Interest Amount due thereon, being paid from and in reduction of the Group II Available Distribution Amount for such Distribution Date;

(ii) to the Class A-II Certificateholders, the related Accrued Certificate Interest in excess of the Group II REMIC Interest Amount, which amount shall be allocated to the Class A-II Certificateholders on a pro rata basis, based upon the amount of the related Accrued Certificate Interest in excess of the Group II REMIC Interest Amount due thereon, being paid from and in reduction of the Hedge Payment for such Distribution Date;

(iii) to the Class A-II Certificateholders, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Available Distribution Amount remaining after the foregoing distributions, the Group II Principal Distribution Amount (other than the amounts described in clauses (b)(iv) and (v) of the definition thereof), which amount shall be allocated in the manner and priority set forth in Section 4.02(f) below, until the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of each Class of Class A-II Certificates has been reduced to zero;

(iv) to the Class A-II Certificateholders, from the Group II Excess Cash Flow, an amount equal to the principal portion of Realized Losses (other than Excess Realized Losses) on the Group II Loans during the immediately preceding Due Period, which amount shall be included in the Group II Principal Distribution Amount and allocated in the manner and priority set forth in Section 4.02(f) below, until the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of each Class of Class A-II Certificates has been reduced to zero;

(v) to the Class A-I Certificateholders, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, an amount equal to the principal portion of Realized Losses (other than Excess Realized Losses) on the Group I Loans during the immediately preceding Due Period, to the extent not covered by distributions of the Group I Excess Cash Flow on such Distribution Date, which amount shall be included in the Group I Principal Distribution Amount and allocated in the manner and priority set forth in Section 4.02(e) below, until the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of each Class of Class A-I Certificates has been reduced to zero;

(vi) to the Certificate Insurer, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the amount of any Group II Cumulative Insurance Payments;

(vii) to the Certificate Insurer, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the amount of any Group I Cumulative Insurance Payments, to the extent not covered by distributions of the Group I Excess Cash Flow on such Distribution Date;

(viii) to the Class A-II Certificateholders, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the Group II Overcollateralization Increase Amount, which amount shall be included in the Group II Principal Distribution Amount and allocated in the manner and priority set forth in Section 4.02(f) below, until the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of each Class of Class A-II Certificates has been reduced to zero;

(ix) beginning on the Distribution Date in February 2005, to the Class A-I Certificateholders, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the Group I Overcollateralization Increase Amount for such Distribution Date, to the extent not covered by distributions of the Group I Excess Cash Flow on such Distribution Date, which amount shall be included in the Group I Principal Distribution Amount and allocated in the manner and priority set forth in Section 4.02(e) below, until the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of each Class of Class A-I Certificates has been reduced to zero;

(x) to the Class A-II Certificateholders, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the amount of any related Prepayment Interest Shortfalls with respect to the Group II Loans for that Distribution Date, to the extent not covered by Compensating Interest on such Distribution Date, which amount shall be allocated to the Class A-II Certificateholders on a pro rata basis, based on the amount of Prepayment Interest Shortfalls allocated thereto for such Distribution Date;

(xi) to the Class A-I Certificateholders, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the amount of any related Prepayment Interest Shortfalls with respect to the Group I Loans for that Distribution Date, to the extent not covered by Compensating Interest and distributions of the Group I Excess Cash Flow on such Distribution Date, which amount shall be allocated to the Class A-I Certificateholders on a pro rata basis, based on the amount of Prepayment Interest Shortfalls allocated thereto for such Distribution Date;

(xii) to the Class A-II Certificateholders, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the amount of any Prepayment Interest Shortfalls allocated thereto remaining unpaid from prior Distribution Dates together with interest thereon at the related Pass-Through Rates, which amount shall be allocated to the Class A-II Certificateholders on a pro rata basis, based on the amount of Prepayment Interest Shortfalls allocated thereto and remaining unpaid;

(xiii) to the Class A-I Certificateholders, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the amount of any Prepayment Interest Shortfalls allocated thereto remaining unpaid from prior Distribution Dates together with interest thereon at the related Pass-Through Rates, to the extent not covered by distributions of the Group I Excess Cash Flow on such Distribution Date, which amount shall be allocated to the

Class A-I Certificateholders on a pro rata basis, based on the amount of Prepayment Interest Shortfalls allocated thereto and remaining unpaid;

(xiv) to the Class A-II Certificateholders, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the amount of any Group II Basis Risk Shortfalls on such Certificates, which amount shall be allocated to the Class A-II Certificateholders on a pro rata basis, based on their respective Group II Basis Risk Shortfalls, in each case being paid from and in reduction of first, the Hedge Payment for such Distribution Date and second, the Group II Available Distribution Amount for such Distribution Date;

(xv) to the Class A-I Certificateholders, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the amount of any Group I Net WAC Cap Shortfalls on such Certificates, to the extent not covered by distributions of the Group I Excess Cash Flow on such Distribution Date, which amount shall be allocated to the Class A-I Certificateholders on a pro rata basis, based on their respective Group I Net WAC Cap Shortfalls;

(xvi) to the Class A-II Certificateholders, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the amount of any Relief Act Shortfalls allocated to such Certificates with respect to the Group II Loans for that Distribution Date, which amount shall be allocated to the Class A-II Certificateholders on a pro rata basis, based on the amount of Relief Act Shortfalls allocated thereto for that Distribution Date;

(xvii) to the Class A-I Certificateholders, from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the amount of any Relief Act Shortfalls allocated to such Certificates with respect to the Group I Loans for that Distribution Date, to the extent not covered by distributions of the Group I Excess Cash Flow on such Distribution Date, which amount shall be allocated to the Class A-I Certificateholders on a pro rata basis, based on the amount of Relief Act Shortfalls allocated thereto for that Distribution Date;

(xviii) to the Depositor, for any amounts advanced with respect to Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund Deposit, from the amount, if any, of Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions;

(xix) to the Class SB-II Certificates, (A) from the amount, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow remaining after the foregoing distributions, the sum of (I) Accrued Certificate Interest thereon, (II) the amount of any Group II Overcollateralization Reduction Amount for such Distribution Date, (III) the amount of any Hedge Shortfall Amount for such Distribution Date, (IV) the amount of any Hedge Shortfall Carry-Forward Amount for such Distribution Date and (V) for any Distribution Date after the Certificate Principal Balance of each Class of Class A Certificates has been reduced to zero, the Group II Overcollateralization Amount, (B) from prepayment charges on deposit in the Certificate Account, any prepayment charges received on the Group II Loans during the related Prepayment Period and (C) from the Hedge Payment, if any, the amount of such Hedge Payment remaining after the foregoing distributions; and

(xx) to the Class R-III Certificateholders, the balance, if any, of the Group II Excess Cash Flow.

(e) The Group I Principal Distribution Amount payable to the Class A-I Certificateholders shall be distributed as follows:

(i) *first*, to the to the Class A-I-6 Certificates, an amount equal to the Class A-I-6 Lockout Distribution Amount for that Distribution Date, until the Certificate Principal Balance of the Class A-I-6 Certificates has been reduced to zero; and

(ii) *second*, to the Class A-I-1, Class A-I-2, Class A-I-3, Class A-I-4, Class A-I-5 and Class A-I-6 Certificates, in that order, in each case until the Certificate Principal Balance thereof has been reduced to zero.

(f) The Group II Principal Distribution Amount payable to the Class A-II Certificateholders shall be distributed as follows:

(i) *first*, concurrently, (1) the Class A-II-A Principal Distribution Amount shall be distributed to the Class A-II-A Certificates, until the Certificate Principal Balance thereof has been reduced to zero and (2) the Class A-II-B Principal Distribution Amount shall be distributed sequentially, to the Class A-II-B1 Certificates, Class A-II-B2 Certificates and Class A-II-B3 Certificates, in that order, in each case until the Certificate Principal Balance thereof has been reduced to zero; and

(ii) *second*, any remaining Class A-II-B Principal Distribution Amount shall be distributed to the Class A-II-A Certificates, until the Certificate Principal Balance thereof has been reduced to zero, or any remaining Class A-II-A Principal Distribution Amount shall be distributed sequentially, to the Class A-II-B1 Certificates, Class A-II-B2 Certificates and Class A-II-B3 Certificates, in that order, in each case until the Certificate Principal Balance thereof has been reduced to zero.

(g) Notwithstanding the foregoing clauses (c), (d), (e) and (f), upon the reduction of the Certificate Principal Balance of a Class of Class A Certificates to zero, such Class of Certificates will not be entitled to further distributions pursuant to Section 4.02.

(h) Each distribution with respect to a Book-Entry Certificate shall be paid to the Depository, as Holder thereof, and the Depository shall be responsible for crediting the amount of such distribution to the accounts of its Depository Participants in accordance with its normal procedures. Each Depository Participant shall be responsible for disbursing such distribution to the Certificate Owners that it represents and to each indirect participating brokerage firm (a "brokerage firm" or "indirect participating firm") for which it acts as agent. Each brokerage firm shall be responsible for disbursing funds to the Certificate Owners that it represents. None of the Trustee, the Certificate Registrar, the Certificate Insurer, the Depositor or the Master Servicer shall have any responsibility therefor except as otherwise provided by this Agreement or applicable law.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in Section 9.01, if the Master Servicer anticipates that a final distribution with respect to any Class of Certificates will be made on the next Distribution Date, the Master Servicer shall, no later than the Determination Date in the month of such final distribution, notify the Trustee and the Trustee shall, no later than two (2) Business Days after such Determination Date, mail on such date to each Holder of such Class of Certificates a notice to the effect that: (i) the Trustee anticipates that the final distribution with respect to such Class of Certificates will be made on such Distribution Date but only upon presentation and surrender of such Certificates at the office of the Trustee or as otherwise specified therein, and (ii) no interest shall accrue on such Certificates from and after the end of the prior calendar month. In the event that Certificateholders required to surrender their

Certificates pursuant to Section 9.01(c) do not surrender their Certificates for final cancellation, the Trustee shall cause funds distributable with respect to such Certificates to be withdrawn from the Certificate Account and credited to a separate escrow account for the benefit of such Certificateholders as provided in Section 9.01(d).

Section 4.03. Statements to Certificateholders; Statements to Rating Agencies; Exchange Act Reporting.

(a) Concurrently with each distribution charged to the Certificate Account and with respect to each Distribution Date the Master Servicer shall forward to the Trustee and the Trustee shall forward by mail or otherwise make available electronically on its website (which may be obtained by any Certificateholder by telephoning the Trustee at (877) 722-1095 to each Holder, the Certificate Insurer and the Depositor a statement setting forth the following information as to each Class of Certificates, in each case to the extent applicable:

(i) (A) the amount of such distribution to the Certificateholders of such Class applied to reduce the Certificate Principal Balance thereof, and (B) the aggregate amount included therein representing Principal Prepayments;

(ii) the amount of such distribution to Holders of such Class of Certificates allocable to interest;

(iii) if the distribution to the Holders of such Class of Certificates is less than the full amount that would be distributable to such Holders if there were sufficient funds available therefor, the amount of the shortfall;

(iv) the amount of any Advance by the Master Servicer with respect to the Group I Loans and Group II Loans pursuant to Section 4.04;

(v) the number and aggregate Stated Principal Balance of the Group I Loans, the Group II Loans and the Mortgage Loans in the aggregate after giving effect to the distribution of principal on such Distribution Date;

(vi) the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of each Class of the Certificates, after giving effect to the amounts distributed on such Distribution Date, separately identifying any reduction thereof due to Realized Losses other than pursuant to an actual distribution of principal;

(vii) on the basis of the most recent reports furnished to it by Subservicers, (A) the number and aggregate principal balances of Group I Loans and Group II Loans that are Delinquent (1) 30-59 days, (2) 60-89 days and (3) 90 or more days and the number and aggregate principal balance of Group I Loans and Group II Loans that are in foreclosure, (B) the number and aggregate principal balances of the Group I Loans, Group II Loans and the Mortgage Loans in the aggregate that are Reportable Modified Mortgage Loans that are in foreclosure and are REO Property, indicating in each case capitalized Mortgage Loans, other Servicing Modifications and totals, and (C) for all Reportable Modified Mortgage Loans, the number and aggregate principal balances of the Group I Loans, Group II Loans and the Mortgage Loans in the aggregate that have been liquidated, the subject of pay-offs and that have been repurchased by the Master Servicer or Seller;

(viii) the number, aggregate principal balance and book value of any REO Properties with respect to the Group I Loans and Group II Loans;

(ix) the aggregate Accrued Certificate Interest remaining unpaid, if any, for each Class of Certificates, after giving effect to the distribution made on such Distribution Date;

(x) the aggregate amount of Realized Losses with respect to the Group I Loans and Group II Loans for such Distribution Date and the aggregate amount of Realized Losses with respect to the Group I Loans and Group II Loans incurred since the Cut-off Date;

(xi) with respect to the related Due Period, (A) the number of Mortgage Loans for which a payment was made by the MI Policy Provider under the MI Policy since the Closing Date and the aggregate amount of any such payments, (B) the number of Mortgage Loans for which a claim has been presented to the MI Policy Provider under the MI Policy since the Closing Date and the aggregate amount of any such outstanding claims, and (C) the number of Mortgage Loans for which a claim was presented to the MI Policy Provider under the MI Policy since the Closing Date which claim was denied by the MI Policy Provider and the aggregate amount of any such denied claims;

(xii) the aggregate amount of any Insured Payment paid on such Distribution Date and the portion paid to each Class A Certificate, the amount of any reimbursement payment made to the Certificate Insurer on such Distribution Date pursuant to Section 4.02(c)(v) and (vi) and (d)(vi) and (vii) from each Loan Group and the amount of Group I Cumulative Insurance Payments and Group II Cumulative Insurance Payments after giving effect to any such Insured Payment or any such reimbursement payment to the Certificate Insurer;

(xiii) the Pass-Through Rate on each Class of Certificates, the Group I Net WAC Cap Rate and Group II Net WAC Cap Rate and the Group II Weighted Average Maximum Net Mortgage Rate;

(xiv) the Group II Basis Risk Shortfalls, the Group I Net WAC Cap Shortfalls, the Group I Prepayment Interest Shortfalls and the Group II Prepayment Interest Shortfalls;

(xv) the Group I Overcollateralization Amount, the Group II Overcollateralization Amount, the Group I Required Overcollateralization Amount and the Group II Required Overcollateralization Amount following such Distribution Date;

(xvi) the number and aggregate principal balance of the Group I Loans and Group II Loans repurchased under Section 4.07 or 4.08;

(xvii) the aggregate amount of any recoveries with respect to the Group I Loans and Group II Loans on previously foreclosed loans from Residential Funding due to a breach of representation or warranty;

(xviii) the weighted average remaining term to maturity of the Group I Loans or Group II Loans after giving effect to the amounts distributed on such Distribution Date;

(xix) the weighted average Mortgage Rates of the Group I Loans or Group II Loans after giving effect to the amounts distributed on such Distribution Date;

(xx) the amount, if any, required to be paid under the Hedge Agreement for such Distribution Date and any shortfall in amounts previously required to be paid under the Hedge Agreement for prior Distribution Dates;

(xxi) the current Rolling Three-Month Delinquency Ratio;

(xxii) the occurrence of the Group I Stepdown Date;

(xxiii) the amount, if any, required to be paid under any Derivative Contract entered into pursuant to Section 4.11 hereof; and

(xxiv) the aggregate amount of Realized Losses since the Cut-off Date for the Group I Loans and the Group II Loans.

In the case of information furnished pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) above, the amounts shall be expressed as a dollar amount per Certificate with a \$1,000 denomination. In addition to the statement provided to the Trustee as set forth in this Section 4.03(a), the Master Servicer shall provide to any manager of a trust fund consisting of some or all of the Certificates, upon reasonable request, such additional information as is reasonably obtainable by the Master Servicer at no additional expense to the Master Servicer. Also, at the request of a Rating Agency, the Master Servicer shall provide the information relating to the Reportable Modified Mortgage Loans substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit U to such Rating Agency within a reasonable period of time; *provided, however*, that the Master Servicer shall not be required to provide such information more than four times in a calendar year to any Rating Agency.

(b) Within a reasonable period of time after the end of each calendar year, the Master Servicer shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and the Trustee shall forward, or cause to be forwarded, upon the Trustee's receipt thereof, to each Person who at any time during the calendar year was the Holder of a Certificate, other than a Class R Certificate, a statement containing the information set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) of subsection (a) above aggregated for such calendar year or applicable portion thereof during which such Person was a Certificateholder. Such obligation of the Master Servicer and Trustee shall be deemed to have been satisfied to the extent that substantially comparable information shall be provided by the Master Servicer and Trustee pursuant to any requirements of the Code.

(c) Within a reasonable period of time after the end of each calendar year, the Master Servicer shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and the Trustee shall forward, or cause to be forwarded, to each Person who at any time during the calendar year was the Holder of a Class R Certificate, a statement containing the applicable distribution information provided pursuant to this Section 4.03 aggregated for such calendar year or applicable portion thereof during which such Person was the Holder of a Class R Certificate. Such obligation of the Master Servicer shall be deemed to have been satisfied to the extent that substantially comparable information shall be provided by the Master Servicer and forwarded by the Trustee pursuant to any requirements of the Code.

(d) As soon as reasonably practicable, upon the written request of any Class SB Certificate or Class R Certificateholder, the Master Servicer shall provide the requesting Certificateholder with such information as is necessary and appropriate, in the Master Servicer's sole discretion, for purposes of satisfying applicable reporting requirements under Rule 144A.

(e) The Master Servicer shall, on behalf of the Depositor and in respect of the Trust Fund, sign and cause to be filed with the Commission any periodic reports required to be filed under the provisions of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder. In connection with the preparation and filing of such periodic reports, the Trustee shall timely provide to the Master Servicer (I) a list of Certificateholders as shown on the Certificate Register as of the end of each calendar year, (II) copies of all pleadings, other legal process and any other documents relating to any claims, charges or complaints involving the Trustee, as trustee hereunder, or the Trust Fund that are

received by the Trustee, (III) notice of all matters that, to the actual knowledge of a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, have been submitted to a vote of the Certificateholders, other than those matters that have been submitted to a vote of the Certificateholders at the request of the Depositor or the Master Servicer, and (IV) notice of any failure of the Trustee to make any distribution to the Certificateholders as required pursuant to this Agreement. Neither the Master Servicer nor the Trustee shall have any liability with respect to the Master Servicer's failure to properly prepare or file such periodic reports resulting from or relating to the Master Servicer's inability or failure to obtain any information not resulting from the Master Servicer's own negligence or willful misconduct. Any Form 10-K filed with the Commission in connection with this clause (e) shall include a certification, signed by the senior officer in charge of the servicing functions of the Master Servicer, in the form attached as Exhibit T-1 hereto or such other form as may be required or permitted by the Commission (the "Form 10-K Certification"), in compliance with Rule 13a-14 and 15d-14 under the Exchange Act and any additional directives of the Commission. This Section 4.03(e) may be amended in accordance with this Agreement without the consent of the Certificateholders. In connection with the Form 10-K Certification, the Trustee shall provide the Master Servicer with a back-up certification substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit T-2.

Section 4.04. Distribution of Reports to the Trustee and the Depositor; Advances by the Master Servicer.

(a) Prior to the close of business on the Business Day next succeeding each Determination Date, the Master Servicer shall furnish a written statement (which may be in a mutually agreeable electronic format) to the Trustee, the Certificate Insurer, any Paying Agent and the Depositor (the information in such statement to be made available to Certificateholders by the Master Servicer on request) (provided that the Master Servicer will use its best efforts to deliver such written statement not later than 12:00 p.m. New York time on the second Business Day prior to the Distribution Date) setting forth (i) the Group I Available Distribution Amount and Group II Available Distribution Amount, (ii) the amounts required to be withdrawn from the Custodial Account and deposited into the Certificate Account on the immediately succeeding Certificate Account Deposit Date pursuant to clause (iii) of Section 4.01(a), (iii) the Mortgage Insurance Premium for such Distribution Date, (iv) the amounts required to be withdrawn from the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 4.09, (v) the amount of Prepayment Interest Shortfalls, Group I Net WAC Cap Shortfalls and Group II Basis Risk Shortfalls, (vi) the Hedge Payment, if any, for such Distribution Date, (vii) the Certificate Insurer Premium and, if the Master Servicer determines that an Insured Payment exists for such Distribution Date, the amount necessary to complete the notice in the form of Exhibit A to the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy (the "Notice"), and (viii) the amount, if any, payable to the Trustee by a Derivative Counterparty. The determination by the Master Servicer of such amounts shall, in the absence of obvious error, be presumptively deemed to be correct for all purposes hereunder and the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon the same without any independent check or verification.

(b) On or before 2:00 P.M. New York time on each Certificate Account Deposit Date, the Master Servicer shall either (i) remit to the Trustee for deposit in the Certificate Account from its own funds, or funds received therefor from the Subservicers, an amount equal to the Advances to be made by the Master Servicer in respect of the related Distribution Date, which shall be in an aggregate amount equal to the sum of (A) the aggregate amount of Monthly Payments other than Balloon Payments (with each interest portion thereof adjusted to a per annum rate equal to the Net Mortgage Rate plus the applicable Mortgage Insurance Premium Rate, if any, plus the applicable Certificate Insurer Premium Modified Rate), less the amount of any related Servicing Modifications, Debt Service Reductions or Relief Act Shortfalls, on the Outstanding Mortgage Loans as of the related Due Date in the related Due Period, which Monthly Payments were due during the related Due Period and not received as of the close of business as of the related Determination Date; provided that no Advance shall be made if it would be a Nonrecoverable Advance and (B) with respect to each Balloon Loan delinquent in respect of its Balloon



Payment as of the close of business on the related Determination Date, an amount equal to the assumed Monthly Payment (with each interest portion thereof adjusted to a per annum rate equal to the Net Mortgage Rate plus the applicable Mortgage Insurance Premium Rate, if any, plus the applicable Certificate Insurer Premium Modified Rate) that would have been due on the related Due Date based on the original amortization schedule for such Balloon Loan until such Balloon Loan is finally liquidated, over any payments of interest or principal (with each interest portion thereof adjusted to a per annum rate equal to the Net Mortgage Rate plus the applicable Mortgage Insurance Premium Rate, if any, plus the applicable Certificate Insurer Premium Modified Rate) received from the related Mortgagor as of the close of business on the related Determination Date and allocable to the Due Date during the related Due Period for each month until such Balloon Loan is finally liquidated, (ii) withdraw from amounts on deposit in the Custodial Account and remit to the Trustee for deposit in the Certificate Account all or a portion of the Amount Held for Future Distribution in discharge of any such Advance, or (iii) make advances in the form of any combination of clauses (i) and (ii) aggregating the amount of such Advance. Any portion of the Amount Held for Future Distribution so used shall be replaced by the Master Servicer by deposit in the Certificate Account on or before 11:00 A.M. New York time on any future Certificate Account Deposit Date to the extent that funds attributable to the Mortgage Loans that are available in the Custodial Account for deposit in the Certificate Account on such Certificate Account Deposit Date shall be less than payments to Certificateholders required to be made on the following Distribution Date. The Master Servicer shall be entitled to use any Advance made by a Subservicer as described in Section 3.07(b) that has been deposited in the Custodial Account on or before such Distribution Date as part of the Advance made by the Master Servicer pursuant to this Section 4.04. The determination by the Master Servicer that it has made a Nonrecoverable Advance or that any proposed Advance, if made, would constitute a Nonrecoverable Advance, shall be evidenced by a certificate of a Servicing Officer delivered to the Depositor, the Certificate Insurer and the Trustee. In the event that the Master Servicer determines as of the Business Day preceding any Certificate Account Deposit Date that it will be unable to deposit in the Certificate Account an amount equal to the Advance required to be made for the immediately succeeding Distribution Date, it shall give notice to the Trustee and the Certificate Insurer of its inability to advance (such notice may be given by telecopy), not later than 3:00 P.M., New York time, on such Business Day, specifying the portion of such amount that it will be unable to deposit. Not later than 3:00 P.M., New York time, on the Certificate Account Deposit Date the Trustee shall, unless by 12:00 Noon, New York time, on such day the Trustee shall have been notified in writing (by telecopy) that the Master Servicer shall have directly or indirectly deposited in the Certificate Account such portion of the amount of the Advance as to which the Master Servicer shall have given notice pursuant to the preceding sentence, pursuant to Section 7.01, (a) terminate all of the rights and obligations of the Master Servicer under this Agreement in accordance with Section 7.01 and (b) assume the rights and obligations of the Master Servicer hereunder, including the obligation to deposit in the Certificate Account an amount equal to the Advance for the immediately succeeding Distribution Date. The Trustee shall deposit all funds it receives pursuant to this Section 4.04(b) into the Certificate Account.

Section 4.05. Allocation of Realized Losses

(a) Prior to each Distribution Date, the Master Servicer shall determine the total amount of Realized Losses, if any, that resulted from any Cash Liquidation, Servicing Modifications, Debt Service Reduction, Deficient Valuation or REO Disposition that occurred during the related Prepayment Period or, in the case of a Servicing Modification that constitutes a reduction of the interest rate on a Mortgage Loan, the amount of the reduction in the interest portion of the Monthly Payment due in the month in which such Distribution Date occurs. The amount of each Realized Loss shall be evidenced by an Officers' Certificate.

(1) (A) All Realized Losses on the Group I Loans (other than Excess Realized Losses) shall be allocated as follows:

*first*, to Excess Cash Flow in the amounts and priority as provided in Section 4.02;

*second*, in reduction of the Group I Overcollateralization Amount, until such amount has been reduced to zero; and

*third*, on any Distribution Date on which, and to the extent that, the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of the Class A Certificates exceeds the aggregate Stated Principal Balance of the Mortgage Loans after application of all payments to be made on such Distribution Date pursuant to Section 4.02, to the Class A-I Certificates on a pro rata basis, based on their then outstanding Certificate Principal Balances prior to giving effect to distributions to be made on such Distribution Date, until the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of each such Class has been reduced to zero; *provided*, that any allocation of a Realized Loss (other than Excess Realized Losses) to a Class A-I Certificate will be covered by the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy, in accordance with its terms and any such Insured Payment shall be distributed to the Class A-I Certificates in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 4.02(e) and any allocation of Realized Losses shall be deemed to be reallocated in accordance with the distribution of the Insured Payment.

(B) Any Excess Realized Losses on the Group I Loans will be covered by the Group I Policy, in accordance with its terms and any such Insured Payment shall be distributed to the Class A-I Certificates in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 4.02(e) as though such amounts were included in the Group I Principal Distribution Amount and any allocation of Excess Realized Losses shall be deemed to be reallocated in accordance with the distribution of the Insured Payment; *provided*, that if a Certificate Insurer Default exists, Excess Realized Losses on the Group I Loans will be allocated to the Class A-I Certificates on a pro rata basis, based on their then outstanding Certificate Principal Balances prior to giving effect to distributions to be made on such Distribution Date, in an amount equal to the product of (a) the Excess Realized Losses on the Group I Loans and (b) the fraction, expressed as a percentage, the numerator of which is (x) the Certificate Principal Balance of the Class A-I Certificates, and the denominator of which is (y) the aggregate Stated Principal Balance of the Group I Loans, and the remainder of such losses shall be allocated to the Group I Overcollateralization Amount in reduction of the amount thereof.

(2) (A) All Realized Losses on the Group II Loans (other than Excess Realized Losses) shall be allocated as follows:

*first*, to Excess Cash Flow in the amounts and priority as provided in Section 4.02;

*second*, in reduction of the Group II Overcollateralization Amount, until such amount has been reduced to zero; and

*third*, on any Distribution Date on which, and to the extent that, the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of the Class A Certificates exceeds the aggregate Stated Principal Balance of the Mortgage Loans after application of all payments to be made on such Distribution Date pursuant to Section 4.02, to the Class A-II-A Certificates, Realized Losses on the Group II-A Loans (other than Excess Realized Losses) and to the Class A-II-B Certificates on a pro rata basis, Realized Losses on the Group II-B Loans (other than Excess Realized Losses), in each case until the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of each such Class has been reduced to zero; *provided*, that any allocation of a Realized Loss (other than Excess Realized Losses) to a Class A-II Certificate will be covered by the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy, in accordance with its terms and any such Insured Payment shall be distributed to the Class A-II Certificates in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 4.02(f) and any allocation of Realized Losses shall be deemed to be reallocated in accordance with the distribution of the Insured Payment.

(B) Any Excess Realized Losses on the Group II Loans will be covered by the Group II Policy, in accordance with its terms and any such Insured Payment shall be distributed to the Class A-II Certificates in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 4.02(f) as though such amounts were included in the Group II Principal Distribution Amount allocable to the Group II-A Loans or Group II-B Loans, as applicable, and any allocation of Excess Realized Losses shall be deemed to be reallocated in accordance with the distribution of the Insured Payment; *provided*, that if a Certificate Insurer Default exists, Excess Realized Losses on the Group II-A Loans will be allocated to the Class A-II-A Certificates, in an amount equal to the product of (a) the Excess Realized Losses on the Group II-A Loans and (b) the fraction, expressed as a percentage, the numerator of which is (x) the Certificate Principal Balance of such Class, and the denominator of which is (y) the aggregate Stated Principal Balance of the Group II-A Loans, and the remainder of such losses shall be allocated to the Group II Overcollateralization Amount in reduction of the amount thereof and Excess Realized Losses on the Group II-B Loans will be allocated to the Class A-II-B Certificates on a pro rata basis, in an amount equal to the product of (a) the Excess Realized Losses on the Group II-B Loans and (b) the fraction, expressed as a percentage, the numerator of which is (x) the Certificate Principal Balance of such Class, and the denominator of which is (y) the aggregate Stated Principal Balance of the Group II-B Loans, and the remainder of such losses shall be allocated to the Group II Overcollateralization Amount in reduction of the amount thereof.

(b) Any allocation of the principal portion of Realized Losses (other than Debt Service Reductions) to the Class A Certificates shall be made by reducing the Certificate Principal Balance thereof by the amount so allocated, which allocation shall be deemed to have occurred on such Distribution Date; *provided*, that no such reduction shall reduce the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of the Certificates below the aggregate Stated Principal Balance of the Mortgage Loans. Allocations of the interest portions of Realized Losses (other than any interest rate reduction resulting from a Servicing Modification) shall be made by operation of the definition of "Accrued Certificate Interest" for each Class for such Distribution Date. Allocations of the interest portion of a Realized Loss resulting from an interest rate reduction in connection with a Servicing Modification shall be made by operation of the priority of payment provisions of Section 4.02(c) and (d). Allocations of the principal

portion of Debt Service Reductions shall be made by operation of the priority of payment provisions of Section 4.02(c) and (d). All Realized Losses and all other losses allocated to a Class of Certificates hereunder will be allocated among the Certificates of such Class in proportion to the Percentage Interests evidenced thereby.

(c) All Realized Losses on the Group I Loans shall be allocated on each Distribution Date to the REMIC I Regular Interests and REMIC III Regular Interests as provided in the definitions of REMIC I Realized Losses and REMIC III Realized Losses.

(d) All Realized Losses on the Group II Loans shall be allocated on each Distribution Date to the REMIC II Regular Interests and REMIC III Regular Interests as provided in the definitions of REMIC II Realized Losses and REMIC III Realized Losses.

(e) Realized Losses allocated to the Group I Excess Cash Flow, Group II Excess Cash Flow, Group I Overcollateralization Amount or the Group II Overcollateralization Amount pursuant to paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section, the definition of Accrued Certificate Interest and the operation of Section 4.02(c) and (d) shall be deemed allocated to the Class SB Certificates. Realized Losses allocated to the Class SB Certificates shall, to the extent such Realized Losses represent Realized Losses on an interest portion, be allocated to the REMIC III Regular Interest SB-IO. Realized Losses allocated to the Excess Cash Flow pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be deemed to reduce Accrued Certificate Interest on the REMIC III Regular Interest SB-IO. Realized Losses allocated to the Overcollateralization Amount pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be deemed first to reduce the principal balance of the REMIC III Regular Interest SB-PO until such principal balance shall have been reduced to zero and thereafter to reduce accrued and unpaid interest on the REMIC III Regular Interest SB-IO.

#### Section 4.06. Reports of Foreclosures and Abandonment of Mortgaged Property.

The Master Servicer or the Subservicers shall file information returns with respect to the receipt of mortgage interest received in a trade or business, the reports of foreclosures and abandonments of any Mortgaged Property and the informational returns relating to cancellation of indebtedness income with respect to any Mortgaged Property required by Sections 6050H, 6050J and 6050P of the Code, respectively, and deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate on or before March 31 of each year, commencing in 2005, stating that such reports have been filed. Such reports shall be in form and substance sufficient to meet the reporting requirements imposed by such Sections 6050H, 6050J and 6050P of the Code.

#### Section 4.07. Optional Purchase of Defaulted Mortgage Loans.

(a) With respect to any Mortgage Loan which is delinquent in payment by 90 days or more, the Master Servicer may, at its option, purchase such Mortgage Loan from the Trustee at the Purchase Price therefor; provided, that such Mortgage Loan is 90 days or more delinquent at the time of repurchase.

(b) If at any time the Master Servicer makes a payment to the Certificate Account covering the amount of the Purchase Price for such a Mortgage Loan as provided in clause (a) above, and the Master Servicer provides to the Trustee a certification signed by a Servicing Officer stating that the amount of such payment has been deposited in the Certificate Account, then the Trustee shall execute the assignment of such Mortgage Loan at the request of the Master Servicer without recourse to the Master Servicer which shall succeed to all the Trustee's right, title and interest in and to such Mortgage Loan, and all security and documents relative thereto. Such assignment shall be an assignment outright and not

for security. The Master Servicer will thereupon own such Mortgage, and all such security and documents, free of any further obligation to the Trustee or the Certificateholders with respect thereto.

Section 4.08. Limited Mortgage Loan Repurchase Right.

The Limited Repurchase Right Holder will have the option at any time to purchase any of the Mortgage Loans from the Trustee at the Purchase Price, up to a maximum of five Mortgage Loans. In the event that this option is exercised as to any five Mortgage Loans in the aggregate, this option will thereupon terminate. If at any time the Limited Repurchase Right Holder makes a payment to the Certificate Account covering the amount of the Purchase Price for such a Mortgage Loan, and the Limited Repurchase Right Holder provides to the Trustee a certification signed by a Servicing Officer stating that the amount of such payment has been deposited in the Certificate Account, then the Trustee shall execute the assignment of such Mortgage Loan at the request of the Limited Repurchase Right Holder without recourse to the Limited Repurchase Right Holder which shall succeed to all the Trustee's right, title and interest in and to such Mortgage Loan, and all security and documents relative thereto. Such assignment shall be an assignment outright and not for security. The Limited Repurchase Right Holder will thereupon own such Mortgage, and all such security and documents, free of any further obligation to the Trustee or the Certificateholders with respect thereto. Any tax on "prohibited transactions" (as defined in Section 860F(a)(2) of the Code) imposed on any REMIC resulting from the exercise of the optional repurchase in this Section 4.08 shall in no event be payable by the Trustee or the Certificate Insurer.

Section 4.09. Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund.

(a) On the Closing Date, the Trustee shall establish and maintain in its name, in trust for the benefit of Residential Funding, the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund. In addition, on the Closing Date, the Trustee shall deposit into the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund Deposit to the extent received by the Trustee from the Depositor. No later than two business days prior to each Distribution Date, the Master Servicer shall notify the Trustee and, consistent with directions the Master Servicer provides the Trustee for the Distribution Date, to the extent required, the Trustee shall make withdrawals from the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund and use the amounts in the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund solely to pay to the MI Policy Provider any taxes then due and owing on such Distribution Date in connection with any Premium paid under the MI Policy related to Mortgage Loans in the States of Kentucky or West Virginia. Upon receipt of notice by the Trustee from the Master Servicer of a notification that the MI Policy no longer covers any Mortgage Loans in the State of Kentucky or West Virginia, the Trustee shall withdraw from the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund all remaining amounts on deposit, if any, and distribute them to the holder of the Mortgage Insurance Premium Reserve Fund Residual Right.

(b) The Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund shall be an Eligible Account. Amounts held in the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund from time to time shall continue to constitute assets of the Trust Fund, but not of the REMICs, until released from the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund pursuant to this Section 4.09. The Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund constitutes an "outside reserve fund" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation §1.860G-2(h) and is not an asset of the REMICs. Residential Funding shall be the owner of the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund, including the income from investment thereof. The Trustee shall keep records that accurately reflect the amounts on deposit in the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund. The Trustee shall, at the direction of the Master Servicer, invest amounts on deposit in the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund in Permitted Investments. In the absence of written direction to the Trustee from the Master Servicer, all funds in the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund shall remain uninvested.

(c) The owner of the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund shall be Residential Funding. Residential Funding, as the owner of the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund, also shall own the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund Residual Right.

Section 4.10. Hedge Agreement.

(a) In the event that the Trustee does not receive by the Business Day preceding a Distribution Date the amount as specified by the Master Servicer pursuant to Section 4.04(a)(vi) hereof as the amount to be paid with respect to such Distribution Date by the Hedge Agreement Provider under the Hedge Agreement, the Trustee shall enforce the obligation of the Hedge Agreement Provider thereunder. The parties hereto acknowledge that the Hedge Agreement Provider shall be making all calculations, and determine the amounts to be paid, under the Hedge Agreement. Absent manifest error, the Trustee may conclusively rely on such calculations and determination and any notice received by it from the Master Servicer pursuant to Section 4.04(a)(vi) hereof.

(b) The Trustee shall deposit or cause to be deposited any amount received under the Hedge Agreement into the Certificate Account on the date such amount is received from the Hedge Agreement Provider under the Hedge Agreement (including termination payments, if any). All payments received under the Hedge Agreement shall be distributed in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 4.02(d) hereof.

(c) In the event that the Hedge Agreement, or any replacement thereof, terminates prior to the March 2006 payment date required thereunder, the Master Servicer, but at no expense to the Master Servicer, on behalf of the Trustee, to the extent that the termination value under such Hedge Agreement is sufficient therefor and only to the extent of the termination payment received from the Hedge Agreement Provider, shall (i) cause a new hedge counterparty to assume the obligations of such terminated hedge counterparty or (ii) cause a new hedge counterparty to enter into a new interest rate hedge agreement with the Trust Fund having substantially similar terms as those set forth in the terminated hedge agreement.

Section 4.11. Derivative Contracts.

(a) The Trustee shall, at the direction of the Master Servicer, on behalf of the Trust Fund, enter into Derivative Contracts, solely for the benefit of the Class SB Certificates. Any such Derivative Contract shall constitute a fully prepaid agreement. The Master Servicer shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether any Derivative Contract conforms to the requirements of Section 4.11(b) and (c). Any acquisition of a Derivative Contract shall be accompanied by an appropriate amendment to this Agreement, including an Opinion of Counsel, as provided in Section 11.01, and either (i) an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the existence of the Derivative Contract will not adversely affect the availability of the exemptive relief afforded under ERISA by U.S. Department of Labor Prohibited Transaction Exemption ("PTE") 94-29, as most recently amended, 67 Fed. Reg. 54487 (Aug. 22, 2002), to the Holders of the Class A Certificates, as of the date the Derivative Contract is acquired by the Trustee; or (ii) the consent of each holder of a Class A Certificate to the acquisition of such Derivative Contract. All collections, proceeds and other amounts in respect of the Derivative Contracts payable by the Derivative Counterparty shall be distributed to the Class SB Certificates on the Distribution Date following receipt thereof by the Trustee. In no event shall such an instrument constitute a part of any REMIC created hereunder. In addition, in the event any such instrument is deposited, the Trust Fund shall be deemed to be divided into two separate and discrete sub-trusts. The assets of one such sub-trust shall consist of all the assets of the Trust Fund other than such instrument and the assets of the other sub-trust shall consist solely of such instrument.

(b) Any Derivative Contract that provides for any payment obligation on the part of the Trust Fund must (i) be without recourse to the assets of the Trust Fund, (ii) contain a non-petition covenant provision from the Derivative Counterparty, (iii) limit payment dates thereunder to Distribution Dates and (iv) contain a provision limiting any cash payments due to the Derivative Counterparty on any day under such Derivative Contract solely to funds available therefor in the Certificate Account to make payments to the Holders of the Class SB Certificates on such Distribution Date.

(c) Each Derivative Contract must (i) provide for the direct payment of any amounts by the Derivative Counterparty thereunder to the Certificate Account at least one Business Day prior to the related Distribution Date, (ii) contain an assignment of all of the Trust Fund's rights (but none of its obligations) under such Derivative Contract to the Trustee on behalf the Class SB Certificates and shall include an express consent to the Derivative Counterparty to such assignment, (iii) provide that in the event of the occurrence of an Event of Default, such Derivative Contract shall terminate upon the direction of a majority Percentage Interest of the Class SB Certificates, and (iv) prohibit the Derivative Counterparty from "setting-off" or "netting" other obligations of the Trust Fund and its Affiliates against such Derivative Counterparty's payment obligations thereunder.

#### Section 4.12. The Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policies.

(a) If pursuant to Section 4.04(a)(vii), the Master Servicer determines and notifies a Responsible Officer of the Trustee in writing that an Insured Payment exists and the amount of such Insured Payment for any Distribution Date, the Trustee shall complete the Notice and submit such Notice in accordance with the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy to the Certificate Insurer no later than 12:00 P.M., New York City time, on the second Business Day immediately preceding each Distribution Date, as a claim for an Insured Payment in an amount equal to such Insured Payment.

(b) The Trustee shall establish and maintain the Insurance Account on behalf of the Holders of the Class A Certificates. Upon receipt of an Insured Payment from the Certificate Insurer on behalf of the Class A Certificates, the Trustee shall deposit such Insured Payment in the Insurance Account. All amounts on deposit in the Insurance Account shall remain uninvested with no liability for interest or other compensation thereon. On each Distribution Date, the Trustee shall transfer any Insured Payment then on deposit in the Insurance Account to the Certificate Account and distribute such Insured Payment pursuant to Section 4.02.

(c) The Trustee shall (i) receive as attorney-in-fact of each Class A Certificateholder any Insured Payment from the Certificate Insurer and (ii) distribute such Insured Payment to the Class A Certificates as set forth in subsection (b) above. Insured Payments disbursed by the Trustee from proceeds of the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy shall not be considered payment by the Trust Fund with respect to the Class A Certificates, nor shall such disbursement of such Insured Payments discharge the obligations of the Trust Fund with respect to the amounts thereof, and the Certificate Insurer shall become owner of such amounts to the extent covered by such Insured Payments as the deemed assignee of such Class A Certificateholders. The Trustee hereby agrees on behalf of each Class A Certificateholder (and each Class A Certificateholder, by its acceptance of its Class A Certificates, as applicable, hereby agrees) for the benefit of the Certificate Insurer that the Trustee shall recognize that to the extent the Certificate Insurer pays Insured Payments, either directly or indirectly (as by paying through the Trustee), to the Class A Certificates, the Certificate Insurer will be entitled to be subrogated to the rights of the Class A Certificateholders to the extent of such payments.



## ARTICLE V

### THE CERTIFICATES

#### Section 5.01. The Certificates.

(a) The Class A Certificates, Class SB Certificates and Class R Certificates shall be substantially in the forms set forth in Exhibits A, B, C and D, respectively, and shall, on original issue, be executed and delivered by the Trustee to the Certificate Registrar for authentication and delivery to or upon the order of the Depositor upon receipt by the Trustee or one or more Custodians of the documents specified in Section 2.01. The Class A Certificates shall be issuable in minimum dollar denominations of \$25,000 and integral multiples of \$1 in excess thereof. The Class SB Certificates shall be issuable in registered, certificated form in minimum percentage interests of 5.00% and integral multiples of 0.01% in excess thereof. Each Class of Class R Certificates shall be issued in registered, certificated form in minimum percentage interests of 20.00% and integral multiples of 0.01% in excess thereof; *provided, however*, that one Class R Certificate of each Class will be issuable to the REMIC Administrator as "tax matters person" pursuant to Section 10.01(c) in a minimum denomination representing a Percentage Interest of not less than 0.01%. The Certificates shall be executed by manual or facsimile signature on behalf of an authorized officer of the Trustee. Certificates bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who were at any time the proper officers of the Trustee shall bind the Trustee, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Certificate or did not hold such offices at the date of such Certificates. No Certificate shall be entitled to any benefit under this Agreement, or be valid for any purpose, unless there appears on such Certificate a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by the Certificate Registrar by manual signature, and such certificate upon any Certificate shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Certificate has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder. All Certificates shall be dated the date of their authentication.

(b) The Class A Certificates shall initially be issued as one or more Certificates registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee and, except as provided below, registration of such Certificates may not be transferred by the Trustee except to another Depository that agrees to hold such Certificates for the respective Certificate Owners with Ownership Interests therein. The Certificate Owners shall hold their respective Ownership Interests in and to each Class A Certificate through the book-entry facilities of the Depository and, except as provided below, shall not be entitled to Definitive Certificates in respect of such Ownership Interests. All transfers by Certificate Owners of their respective Ownership Interests in the Book-Entry Certificates shall be made in accordance with the procedures established by the Depository Participant or brokerage firm representing such Certificate Owner. Each Depository Participant shall transfer the Ownership Interests only in the Book-Entry Certificates of Certificate Owners it represents or of brokerage firms for which it acts as agent in accordance with the Depository's normal procedures.

The Trustee, the Master Servicer and the Depositor may for all purposes (including the making of payments due on the respective Classes of Book-Entry Certificates) deal with the Depository as the authorized representative of the Certificate Owners with respect to the respective Classes of Book-Entry Certificates for the purposes of exercising the rights of Certificateholders hereunder. The rights of Certificate Owners with respect to the respective Classes of Book-Entry Certificates shall be limited to those established by law and agreements between such Certificate Owners and the Depository Participants and brokerage firms representing such Certificate Owners. Multiple requests and directions from, and votes of, the Depository as Holder of any Class of Book-Entry Certificates with respect to any particular matter shall not be deemed inconsistent if they are made with respect to different Certificate Owners. The Trustee may establish a reasonable record date in connection with solicitations of consents



from or voting by Certificateholders and shall give notice to the Depository of such record date. If (i)(A) the Depositor advises the Trustee in writing that the Depository is no longer willing or able to properly discharge its responsibilities as Depository and (B) the Depositor is unable to locate a qualified successor or (ii) the Depositor at its option advises the Trustee in writing that it elects to terminate the book-entry system through the Depository, the Trustee shall notify all Certificate Owners, through the Depository, of the occurrence of any such event and of the availability of Definitive Certificates to Certificate Owners requesting the same. Upon surrender to the Trustee of the Book-Entry Certificates by the Depository, accompanied by registration instructions from the Depository for registration of transfer, the Trustee shall issue the Definitive Certificates.

In addition, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, each Certificate Owner materially adversely affected thereby may at its option request a Definitive Certificate evidencing such Certificate Owner's Percentage Interest in the related Class of Certificates. In order to make such request, such Certificate Owner shall, subject to the rules and procedures of the Depository, provide the Depository or the related Depository Participant with directions for the Certificate Registrar to exchange or cause the exchange of the Certificate Owner's interest in such Class of Certificates for an equivalent Percentage Interest in fully registered definitive form. Upon receipt by the Certificate Registrar of instructions from the Depository directing the Certificate Registrar to effect such exchange (such instructions to contain information regarding the Class of Certificates and the Certificate Principal Balance being exchanged, the Depository Participant account to be debited with the decrease, the registered holder of and delivery instructions for the Definitive Certificate, and any other information reasonably required by the Certificate Registrar), (i) the Certificate Registrar shall instruct the Depository to reduce the related Depository Participant's account by the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of the Definitive Certificate, (ii) the Trustee shall execute and the Certificate Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in accordance with the registration and delivery instructions provided by the Depository, a Definitive Certificate evidencing such Certificate Owner's Percentage Interest in such Class of Certificates and (iii) the Trustee shall execute and the Certificate Registrar shall authenticate a new Book-Entry Certificate reflecting the reduction in the aggregate Certificate Principal Balance of such Class of Certificates by the amount of the Definitive Certificates.

Neither the Depositor, the Master Servicer nor the Trustee shall be liable for any actions taken by the Depository or its nominee, including, without limitation, any delay in delivery of any instructions required under this section and may conclusively rely on, and shall be protected in relying on, such instructions. Upon the issuance of Definitive Certificates, the Trustee and the Master Servicer shall recognize the Holders of the Definitive Certificates as Certificateholders hereunder.

(c) Each of the Certificates is intended to be a "security" governed by Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York and any other applicable jurisdiction, to the extent that any of such laws may be applicable.

#### Section 5.02. Registration of Transfer and Exchange of Certificates.

(a) The Trustee shall cause to be kept at one of the offices or agencies to be appointed by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.12 a Certificate Register in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Trustee shall provide for the registration of Certificates and of transfers and exchanges of Certificates as herein provided. The Trustee is initially appointed Certificate Registrar for the purpose of registering Certificates and transfers and exchanges of Certificates as herein provided. The Certificate Registrar, or the Trustee, shall provide the Master Servicer with a certified list of Certificateholders as of each Record Date prior to the related Determination Date.

(b) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Certificate at any office or agency of the Trustee maintained for such purpose pursuant to Section 8.12 and, in the case of any Class SB Certificate or Class R Certificate, upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth below, the Trustee shall execute and the Certificate Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Certificates of a like Class and aggregate Percentage Interest.

(c) At the option of the Certificateholders, Certificates may be exchanged for other Certificates of authorized denominations of a like Class and aggregate Percentage Interest, upon surrender of the Certificates to be exchanged at any such office or agency. Whenever any Certificates are so surrendered for exchange the Trustee shall execute and the Certificate Registrar shall authenticate and deliver the Certificates of such Class which the Certificateholder making the exchange is entitled to receive. Every Certificate presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall (if so required by the Trustee or the Certificate Registrar) be duly endorsed by, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Trustee and the Certificate Registrar duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

(d) No transfer, sale, pledge or other disposition of a Class SB Certificate or Class R Certificate shall be made unless such transfer, sale, pledge or other disposition is exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), and any applicable state securities laws or is made in accordance with said Act and laws. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 5.02(d), in the event that a transfer of a Class SB Certificate or Class R Certificate is to be made, (i) unless the Depositor directs the Trustee otherwise, the Trustee shall require a written Opinion of Counsel acceptable to and in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee and the Depositor that such transfer may be made pursuant to an exemption, describing the applicable exemption and the basis therefor, from said Act and laws or is being made pursuant to said Act and laws, which Opinion of Counsel shall not be an expense of the Trustee, the Trust Fund, the Depositor or the Master Servicer, and (ii) the Trustee shall require the transferee to execute a representation letter, substantially in the form of Exhibit I hereto, and the Trustee shall require the transferor to execute a representation letter, substantially in the form of Exhibit J hereto, each acceptable to and in form and substance satisfactory to the Depositor and the Trustee certifying to the Depositor and the Trustee the facts surrounding such transfer, which representation letters shall not be an expense of the Trustee, the Trust Fund, the Depositor or the Master Servicer. In lieu of the requirements set forth in the preceding sentence, transfers of Class SB Certificates or Class R Certificates may be made in accordance with this Section 5.02(d) if the prospective transferee of such a Certificate provides the Trustee and the Master Servicer with an investment letter substantially in the form of Exhibit N attached hereto, which investment letter shall not be an expense of the Trustee, the Depositor, or the Master Servicer, and which investment letter states that, among other things, such transferee (i) is a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined under Rule 144A, acting for its own account or the accounts of other "qualified institutional buyers" as defined under Rule 144A, and (ii) is aware that the proposed transferor intends to rely on the exemption from registration requirements under the 1933 Act provided by Rule 144A. The Holder of a Class SB Certificate or Class R Certificate desiring to effect any transfer, sale, pledge or other disposition shall, and does hereby agree to, indemnify the Trustee, the Depositor, the Certificate Insurer, the Master Servicer and the Certificate Registrar against any liability that may result if the transfer, sale, pledge or other disposition is not so exempt or is not made in accordance with such federal and state laws and this Agreement.

(e) In the case of any Class SB Certificate or Class R Certificate presented for registration in the name of any Person, either (i) the Trustee shall require an Opinion of Counsel acceptable to and in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee, the Depositor, the Certificate Insurer and the Master Servicer to the effect that the purchase or holding of such Class SB Certificate or Class R Certificate is permissible under applicable law, will not constitute or result in any non-exempt prohibited transaction

under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code (or comparable provisions of any subsequent enactments), and will not subject the Trustee, the Depositor, the Master Servicer, the Certificate Insurer or the Trust Fund to any obligation or liability (including obligations or liabilities under ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) in addition to those undertaken in this Agreement, which Opinion of Counsel shall not be an expense of the Trustee, the Depositor, the Master Servicer, the Certificate Insurer or the Trust Fund, or (ii) the prospective transferee shall be required to provide the Trustee, the Depositor, the Certificate Insurer and the Master Servicer with a certification to the effect set forth in Exhibit P (with respect to a Class SB Certificate) or in paragraph fifteen of Exhibit H-1 (with respect to a Class R Certificate), which the Trustee may rely upon without further inquiry or investigation, or such other certifications as the Trustee may deem desirable or necessary in order to establish that such transferee or the Person in whose name such registration is requested is not an employee benefit plan or other plan or arrangement subject to the prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, or any Person (including an insurance company investing its general accounts, an investment manager, a named fiduciary or a trustee of any such plan) who is using "plan assets" of any such plan to effect such acquisition.

(f) (i) Each Person who has or who acquires any Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate shall be deemed by the acceptance or acquisition of such Ownership Interest to have agreed to be bound by the following provisions and to have irrevocably authorized the Trustee or its designee under clause (iii)(A) below to deliver payments to a Person other than such Person and to negotiate the terms of any mandatory sale under clause (iii)(B) below and to execute all instruments of transfer and to do all other things necessary in connection with any such sale. The rights of each Person acquiring any Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate are expressly subject to the following provisions:

(A) Each Person holding or acquiring any Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate shall be a Permitted Transferee and shall promptly notify the Trustee of any change or impending change in its status as a Permitted Transferee.

(B) In connection with any proposed Transfer of any Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate, the Trustee shall require delivery to it, and shall not register the Transfer of any Class R Certificate until its receipt of,

(I) an affidavit and agreement (a "Transfer Affidavit and Agreement," in the form attached hereto as Exhibit H-1) from the proposed Transferee, in form and substance satisfactory to the Master Servicer, representing and warranting, among other things, that it is a Permitted Transferee, that it is not acquiring its Ownership Interest in the Class R Certificate that is the subject of the proposed Transfer as a nominee, trustee or agent for any Person who is not a Permitted Transferee, that for so long as it retains its Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate, it will endeavor to remain a Permitted Transferee, and that it has reviewed the provisions of this Section 5.02(f) and agrees to be bound by them, and

(II) a certificate, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit H-2, from the Holder wishing to transfer the Class R Certificate, in form and substance satisfactory to the Master Servicer, representing and warranting, among other things, that no purpose of the proposed Transfer is to impede the assessment or collection of tax.

(C) Notwithstanding the delivery of a Transfer Affidavit and Agreement by a proposed Transferee under clause (B) above, if a Responsible Officer of the

Trustee who is assigned to this Agreement has actual knowledge that the proposed Transferee is not a Permitted Transferee, no Transfer of an Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate to such proposed Transferee shall be effected.

(D) Each Person holding or acquiring any Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate shall agree (x) to require a Transfer Affidavit and Agreement from any other Person to whom such Person attempts to transfer its Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate and (y) not to transfer its Ownership Interest unless it provides a certificate to the Trustee in the form attached hereto as Exhibit H-2.

(E) Each Person holding or acquiring an Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate, by purchasing an Ownership Interest in such Certificate, agrees to give the Trustee written notice that it is a "pass-through interest holder" within the meaning of Temporary Treasury Regulations Section 1.67-3T(a)(2)(i)(A) immediately upon acquiring an Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate, if it is, or is holding an Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate on behalf of, a "pass-through interest holder."

(ii) The Trustee will register the Transfer of any Class R Certificate only if it shall have received the Transfer Affidavit and Agreement, a certificate of the Holder requesting such transfer in the form attached hereto as Exhibit H-2 and all of such other documents as shall have been reasonably required by the Trustee as a condition to such registration. Transfers of the Class R Certificates to Non-United States Persons and Disqualified Organizations (as defined in Section 860E(e)(5) of the Code) are prohibited.

(A) If any Disqualified Organization shall become a holder of a Class R Certificate, then the last preceding Permitted Transferee shall be restored, to the extent permitted by law, to all rights and obligations as Holder thereof retroactive to the date of registration of such Transfer of such Class R Certificate. If a Non-United States Person shall become a holder of a Class R Certificate, then the last preceding United States Person shall be restored, to the extent permitted by law, to all rights and obligations as Holder thereof retroactive to the date of registration of such Transfer of such Class R Certificate. If a transfer of a Class R Certificate is disregarded pursuant to the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.860E-1 or Section 1.860G-3, then the last preceding Permitted Transferee shall be restored, to the extent permitted by law, to all rights and obligations as Holder thereof retroactive to the date of registration of such Transfer of such Class R Certificate. The Trustee shall be under no liability to any Person for any registration of Transfer of a Class R Certificate that is in fact not permitted by this Section 5.02(f) or for making any payments due on such Certificate to the holder thereof or for taking any other action with respect to such holder under the provisions of this Agreement.

(B) If any purported Transferee shall become a Holder of a Class R Certificate in violation of the restrictions in this Section 5.02(f) and to the extent that the retroactive restoration of the rights of the Holder of such Class R Certificate as described in clause (iii)(A) above shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, then the Master Servicer shall have the right, without notice to the holder or any prior holder of such Class R Certificate, to sell such Class R Certificate to a purchaser selected by the Master Servicer on such terms as the Master Servicer may choose. Such purported Transferee shall promptly endorse and deliver each Class R Certificate in accordance with the instructions of the Master Servicer. Such purchaser may be the

Master Servicer itself or any Affiliate of the Master Servicer. The proceeds of such sale, net of the commissions (which may include commissions payable to the Master Servicer or its Affiliates), expenses and taxes due, if any, will be remitted by the Master Servicer to such purported Transferee. The terms and conditions of any sale under this clause (iii)(B) shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Master Servicer, and the Master Servicer shall not be liable to any Person having an Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate as a result of its exercise of such discretion.

(iii) The Master Servicer, on behalf of the Trustee, shall make available, upon written request from the Trustee, all information necessary to compute any tax imposed

(A) as a result of the Transfer of an Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate to any Person who is a Disqualified Organization, including the information regarding "excess inclusions" of such Class R Certificates required to be provided to the Internal Revenue Service and certain Persons as described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.860D-1(b)(5) and 1.860E-2(a)(5), and

(B) as a result of any regulated investment company, real estate investment trust, common trust fund, partnership, trust, estate or organization described in Section 1381 of the Code that holds an Ownership Interest in a Class R Certificate having as among its record holders at any time any Person who is a Disqualified Organization. Reasonable compensation for providing such information may be required by the Master Servicer from such Person.

(iv) The provisions of this Section 5.02(f) set forth prior to this clause (v) may be modified, added to or eliminated, *provided* that there shall have been delivered to the Trustee the following:

(A) Written consent of the Certificate Insurer and notification from each Rating Agency to the effect that the modification, addition to or elimination of such provisions will not cause such Rating Agency to downgrade its then-current ratings, if any, of the Class A Certificates below the lower of the then-current rating or the rating assigned to such Certificates as of the Closing Date by such Rating Agency; and

(B) a certificate of the Master Servicer stating that the Master Servicer has received an Opinion of Counsel, in form and substance satisfactory to the Master Servicer, to the effect that such modification, addition to or absence of such provisions will not cause any REMIC created hereunder to cease to qualify as a REMIC and will not cause (x) any REMIC created hereunder to be subject to an entity-level tax caused by the Transfer of any Class R Certificate to a Person that is a Disqualified Organization or (y) a Certificateholder or another Person to be subject to a REMIC-related tax caused by the Transfer of a Class R Certificate to a Person that is not a Permitted Transferee.

(g) No service charge shall be made for any transfer or exchange of Certificates of any Class, but the Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Certificates.

(h) All Certificates surrendered for transfer and exchange shall be destroyed by the Certificate Registrar.

Section 5.03. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Certificates.

If (i) any mutilated Certificate is surrendered to the Certificate Registrar, or the Trustee and the Certificate Registrar receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Certificate, and (ii) there is delivered to the Trustee and the Certificate Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Trustee or the Certificate Registrar that such Certificate has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Trustee shall execute and the Certificate Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Certificate, a new Certificate of like tenor, Class and Percentage Interest but bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. Upon the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section, the Trustee may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee and the Certificate Registrar) connected therewith. Any duplicate Certificate issued pursuant to this Section shall constitute complete and indefeasible evidence of ownership in the Trust Fund, as if originally issued, whether or not the lost, stolen or destroyed Certificate shall be found at any time.

Section 5.04. Persons Deemed Owners.

Prior to due presentation of a Certificate for registration of transfer, the Depositor, the Master Servicer, the Certificate Insurer, the Trustee, the Certificate Registrar and any agent of the Depositor, the Master Servicer, the Certificate Insurer, the Trustee or the Certificate Registrar may treat the Person in whose name any Certificate is registered as the owner of such Certificate for the purpose of receiving distributions pursuant to Section 4.02 and for all other purposes whatsoever, except as and to the extent provided in the definition of "Certificateholder" and in Section 4.09, and neither the Depositor, the Master Servicer, the Certificate Insurer, the Trustee, the Certificate Registrar nor any agent of the Depositor, the Master Servicer, the Trustee or the Certificate Registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary except as provided in Section 5.02(f).

Section 5.05. Appointment of Paying Agent.

The Trustee may, with the consent of the Certificate Insurer (so long as no Certificate Insurer Default exists), which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, appoint a Paying Agent for the purpose of making distributions to Certificateholders pursuant to Section 4.02. In the event of any such appointment, on or prior to each Distribution Date the Master Servicer on behalf of the Trustee shall deposit or cause to be deposited with the Paying Agent a sum sufficient to make the payments to Certificateholders in the amounts and in the manner provided for in Section 4.02, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of Certificateholders. The Trustee shall cause each Paying Agent to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with the Trustee that such Paying Agent will hold all sums held by it for the payment to Certificateholders in trust for the benefit of the Certificateholders entitled thereto until such sums shall be paid to such Certificateholders. Any sums so held by such Paying Agent shall be held only in Eligible Accounts to the extent such sums are not distributed to the Certificateholders on the date of receipt by such Paying Agent.

## ARTICLE VI

### THE DEPOSITOR AND THE MASTER SERVICER

#### Section 6.01. Respective Liabilities of the Depositor and the Master Servicer.

The Depositor and the Master Servicer shall each be liable in accordance herewith only to the extent of the obligations specifically and respectively imposed upon and undertaken by the Depositor and the Master Servicer herein. By way of illustration and not limitation, the Depositor is not liable for the servicing and administration of the Mortgage Loans, nor is it obligated by Section 7.01 or Section 10.01 to assume any obligations of the Master Servicer or to appoint a designee to assume such obligations, nor is it liable for any other obligation hereunder that it may, but is not obligated to, assume unless it elects to assume such obligation in accordance herewith.

#### Section 6.02. Merger or Consolidation of the Depositor or the Master Servicer; Assignment of Rights and Delegation of Duties by Master Servicer.

(a) The Depositor and the Master Servicer will each keep in full effect its existence, rights and franchises as a corporation under the laws of the state of its incorporation, and will each obtain and preserve its qualification to do business as a foreign corporation in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is or shall be necessary to protect the validity and enforceability of this Agreement, the Certificates or any of the Mortgage Loans and to perform its respective duties under this Agreement.

(b) Any Person into which the Depositor or the Master Servicer may be merged or consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger or consolidation to which the Depositor or the Master Servicer shall be a party, or any Person succeeding to the business of the Depositor or the Master Servicer, shall be the successor of the Depositor or the Master Servicer, as the case may be, hereunder, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding; *provided, however*, that the successor or surviving Person to the Master Servicer shall be qualified to service mortgage loans on behalf of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac; and *provided further* that each Rating Agency's ratings, if any, of the Class A Certificates in effect immediately prior to such merger or consolidation (without taking into account the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy) will not be qualified, reduced or withdrawn as a result thereof (as evidenced by a letter to such effect from each Rating Agency).

(c) Notwithstanding anything else in this Section 6.02 and Section 6.04 to the contrary, the Master Servicer may assign its rights and delegate its duties and obligations under this Agreement; *provided* that the Person accepting such assignment or delegation shall be a Person which is qualified to service mortgage loans on behalf of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, is reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, the Certificate Insurer and the Depositor, is willing to service the Mortgage Loans and executes and delivers to the Depositor, the Certificate Insurer and the Trustee an agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Depositor, the Certificate Insurer and the Trustee, which contains an assumption by such Person of the due and punctual performance and observance of each covenant and condition to be performed or observed by the Master Servicer under this Agreement; *provided, further*, that each Rating Agency's rating of the Classes of Certificates that have been rated in effect immediately prior to such assignment and delegation (without taking into account the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy) will not be qualified, reduced or withdrawn as a result of such assignment and delegation (as evidenced by a letter to such effect from each Rating Agency). In the case of any such assignment and delegation, the Master Servicer shall be released from its obligations under this Agreement, except that the Master Servicer shall remain liable for all liabilities and obligations incurred



by it as Master Servicer hereunder prior to the satisfaction of the conditions to such assignment and delegation set forth in the next preceding sentence.

Section 6.03. Limitation on Liability of the Depositor, the Master Servicer and Others.

Neither the Depositor, the Master Servicer nor any of the directors, officers, employees or agents of the Depositor or the Master Servicer shall be under any liability to the Trust Fund or the Certificateholders for any action taken or for refraining from the taking of any action in good faith pursuant to this Agreement, or for errors in judgment; *provided, however*, that this provision shall not protect the Depositor, the Master Servicer or any such Person against any breach of warranties or representations made herein or any liability which would otherwise be imposed by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of duties or by reason of reckless disregard of obligations and duties hereunder. The Depositor, the Master Servicer and any director, officer, employee or agent of the Depositor or the Master Servicer may rely in good faith on any document of any kind prima facie properly executed and submitted by any Person respecting any matters arising hereunder. The Depositor, the Master Servicer and any director, officer, employee or agent of the Depositor or the Master Servicer shall be indemnified by the Trust Fund and held harmless against any loss, liability or expense incurred in connection with any legal action relating to this Agreement or the Certificates, other than any loss, liability or expense related to any specific Mortgage Loan or Mortgage Loans (except as any such loss, liability or expense shall be otherwise reimbursable pursuant to this Agreement) and any loss, liability or expense incurred by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of duties hereunder or by reason of reckless disregard of obligations and duties hereunder. Neither the Depositor nor the Master Servicer shall be under any obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any legal or administrative action, proceeding, hearing or examination that is not incidental to its respective duties under this Agreement and which in its opinion may involve it in any expense or liability; *provided, however*, that the Depositor or the Master Servicer may in its discretion undertake any such action, proceeding, hearing or examination that it may deem necessary or desirable in respect to this Agreement and the rights and duties of the parties hereto and the interests of the Certificateholders or the Certificate Insurer hereunder. In such event, the legal expenses and costs of such action, proceeding, hearing or examination and any liability resulting therefrom shall be expenses, costs and liabilities of the Trust Fund, and the Depositor and the Master Servicer shall be entitled to be reimbursed therefor out of amounts attributable to the Mortgage Loans on deposit in the Custodial Account as provided by Section 3.10 and, on the Distribution Date(s) following such reimbursement, the aggregate of such expenses and costs shall be allocated in reduction of the Accrued Certificate Interest on each Class entitled thereto in the same manner as if such expenses and costs constituted a Prepayment Interest Shortfall.

Section 6.04. Depositor and Master Servicer Not to Resign.

Subject to the provisions of Section 6.02, neither the Depositor nor the Master Servicer shall resign from its respective obligations and duties hereby imposed on it except upon determination that its duties hereunder are no longer permissible under applicable law. Any such determination permitting the resignation of the Depositor or the Master Servicer shall be evidenced by an Opinion of Counsel (at the expense of the resigning party) to such effect delivered to the Trustee and the Certificate Insurer. No such resignation by the Master Servicer shall become effective until the Trustee or a successor servicer shall have assumed the Master Servicer's responsibilities and obligations in accordance with Section 7.02.



## ARTICLE VII

### DEFAULT

#### Section 7.01. Events of Default.

Event of Default, wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(i) the Master Servicer shall fail to distribute or cause to be distributed to Holders of Certificates of any Class any distribution required to be made under the terms of the Certificates of such Class and this Agreement and, in either case, such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of 5 days after the date upon which written notice of such failure, requiring such failure to be remedied, shall have been given to the Master Servicer by the Trustee, the Certificate Insurer or the Depositor or to the Master Servicer, the Depositor and the Trustee by the Holders of Certificates of such Class evidencing Percentage Interests aggregating not less than 25%; or

(ii) the Master Servicer shall fail to observe or perform in any material respect any other of the covenants or agreements on the part of the Master Servicer contained in the Certificates of any Class or in this Agreement and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of 30 days (except that such number of days shall be 15 in the case of a failure to pay the premium for any Required Insurance Policy) after the date on which written notice of such failure, requiring the same to be remedied, shall have been given to the Master Servicer by the Trustee, the Certificate Insurer or the Depositor, or to the Master Servicer, the Depositor and the Trustee by the Holders of Certificates of any Class evidencing, as to such Class, Percentage Interests aggregating not less than 25%; or

(iii) a decree or order of a court or agency or supervisory authority having jurisdiction in the premises in an involuntary case under any present or future federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or similar law or appointing a conservator or receiver or liquidator in any insolvency, readjustment of debt, marshalling of assets and liabilities or similar proceedings, or for the winding-up or liquidation of its affairs, shall have been entered against the Master Servicer and such decree or order shall have remained in force undischarged or unstayed for a period of 60 days; or

(iv) the Master Servicer shall consent to the appointment of a conservator or receiver or liquidator in any insolvency, readjustment of debt, marshalling of assets and liabilities, or similar proceedings of, or relating to, the Master Servicer or of, or relating to, all or substantially all of the property of the Master Servicer; or

(v) the Master Servicer shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, file a petition to take advantage of, or commence a voluntary case under, any applicable insolvency or reorganization statute, make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or voluntarily suspend payment of its obligations; or

(vi) the Master Servicer shall notify the Trustee pursuant to Section 4.04(b) that it is unable to deposit in the Certificate Account an amount equal to the Advance.

If an Event of Default described in clauses (i)-(v) of this Section shall occur, then, and in each and every such case, so long as such Event of Default shall not have been remedied, either the Depositor or the Trustee shall at the direction of the Certificate Insurer (unless a Certificate Insurer Default is continuing, in which case at the direction of Holders of Certificates entitled to at least 51% of the Voting Rights), by notice in writing to the Master Servicer (and to the Depositor and the Certificate Insurer if given by the Trustee or to the Trustee and the Certificate Insurer if given by the Depositor), terminate all of the rights and obligations of the Master Servicer under this Agreement and in and to the Mortgage Loans and the proceeds thereof, other than its rights as a Certificateholder hereunder; *provided, however*, that a successor to the Master Servicer is appointed pursuant to Section 7.02 and such successor Master Servicer shall have accepted the duties of Master Servicer effective upon the resignation of the Master Servicer. If an Event of Default described in clause (vi) hereof shall occur, the Trustee with the consent of the Certificate Insurer shall, by notice to the Master Servicer, the Certificate Insurer and the Depositor, immediately terminate all of the rights and obligations of the Master Servicer under this Agreement and in and to the Mortgage Loans and the proceeds thereof, other than its rights as a Certificateholder hereunder as provided in Section 4.04(b). On or after the receipt by the Master Servicer of such written notice, all authority and power of the Master Servicer under this Agreement, whether with respect to the Certificates (other than as a Holder thereof) or the Mortgage Loans or otherwise, shall subject to Section 7.02 pass to and be vested in the Trustee or the Trustee's designee appointed pursuant to Section 7.02; and, without limitation, the Trustee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Master Servicer, as attorney-in-fact or otherwise, any and all documents and other instruments, and to do or accomplish all other acts or things necessary or appropriate to effect the purposes of such notice of termination, whether to complete the transfer and endorsement or assignment of the Mortgage Loans and related documents, or otherwise. The Master Servicer agrees to cooperate with the Trustee in effecting the termination of the Master Servicer's responsibilities and rights hereunder, including, without limitation, the transfer to the Trustee or its designee for administration by it of all cash amounts which shall at the time be credited to the Custodial Account or the Certificate Account or thereafter be received with respect to the Mortgage Loans. No such termination shall release the Master Servicer for any liability that it would otherwise have hereunder for any act or omission prior to the effective time of such termination. Notwithstanding any termination of the activities of Residential Funding in its capacity as Master Servicer hereunder, Residential Funding shall be entitled to receive, out of any late collection of a Monthly Payment on a Mortgage Loan which was due prior to the notice terminating Residential Funding's rights and obligations as Master Servicer hereunder and received after such notice, that portion to which Residential Funding would have been entitled pursuant to Sections 3.10(a)(ii), (vi) and (vii) as well as its Servicing Fee in respect thereof, and any other amounts payable to Residential Funding hereunder the entitlement to which arose prior to the termination of its activities hereunder. Upon the termination of Residential Funding as Master Servicer hereunder the Depositor shall deliver to the Trustee, as successor Master Servicer, a copy of the Program Guide and upon the request of the Certificate Insurer, a copy of the Program Guide to the Certificate Insurer.

Section 7.02. Trustee or Depositor to Act: Appointment of Successor.

(a) On and after the time the Master Servicer receives a notice of termination pursuant to Section 7.01 or resigns in accordance with Section 6.04, so long as no Certificate Insurer Default exists, the Certificate Insurer may appoint a successor Master Servicer, and if the Certificate Insurer fails to do so within 30 days or a Certificate Insurer Default exists, the Trustee or, upon notice to the Certificate Insurer and the Depositor and with the Depositor's consent and, so long as no Certificate Insurer Default exists, the Certificate Insurer's consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) a designee (which meets the standards set forth below) of the Trustee, shall be the successor in all respects to the Master Servicer in its capacity as servicer under this Agreement and the transactions set forth or provided for herein and shall be subject to all the responsibilities, duties and liabilities relating thereto placed on the Master Servicer (except for the responsibilities, duties and liabilities contained in Sections 2.02 and

2.03(a), excluding the duty to notify related Subservicers as set forth in such Sections, and its obligations to deposit amounts in respect of losses incurred prior to such notice or termination on the investment of funds in the Custodial Account or the Certificate Account pursuant to Sections 3.07(c) and 4.01(c) by the terms and provisions hereof); *provided, however*, that any failure to perform such duties or responsibilities caused by the preceding Master Servicer's failure to provide information required by Section 4.04 shall not be considered a default by the Trustee hereunder, as successor Master Servicer. As compensation therefor, the Trustee, as successor Master Servicer, shall be entitled to all funds relating to the Mortgage Loans which the Master Servicer would have been entitled to charge to the Custodial Account or the Certificate Account if the Master Servicer had continued to act hereunder and, in addition, shall be entitled to the income from any Permitted Investments made with amounts attributable to the Mortgage Loans held in the Custodial Account or the Certificate Account. If the Trustee has become the successor to the Master Servicer in accordance with Section 6.04 or Section 7.01, then notwithstanding the above, the Certificate Insurer may appoint a successor Master Servicer and if the Certificate Insurer fails to do so within 30 days, the Trustee may, if it shall be unwilling to so act, or shall, if it is unable to so act, appoint, or petition a court of competent jurisdiction to appoint, any established housing and home finance institution, which is also a Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac-approved mortgage servicing institution, having a net worth of not less than \$10,000,000 as the successor to the Master Servicer hereunder in the assumption of all or any part of the responsibilities, duties or liabilities of the Master Servicer hereunder. Pending appointment of a successor to the Master Servicer hereunder, the Trustee shall become successor to the Master Servicer and shall act in such capacity as hereinabove provided. In connection with such appointment and assumption, the Trustee may make such arrangements for the compensation of such successor out of payments on Mortgage Loans as it and such successor shall agree; provided, however, that no such compensation shall be in excess of that permitted the initial Master Servicer hereunder. The Depositor, the Trustee, the Custodian and such successor shall take such action, consistent with this Agreement, as shall be necessary to effectuate any such succession. The Servicing Fee for any successor Master Servicer appointed pursuant to this Section 7.02 will be lowered with respect to those Mortgage Loans, if any, where the Subservicing Fee accrues at a rate of less than 0.50% per annum in the event that the successor Master Servicer is not servicing such Mortgage Loans directly and it is necessary to raise the related Subservicing Fee to a rate of 0.50% per annum in order to hire a Subservicer with respect to such Mortgage Loans.

(b) In connection with the termination or resignation of the Master Servicer hereunder, either (i) the successor Master Servicer, including the Trustee if the Trustee is acting as successor Master Servicer, shall represent and warrant that it is a member of MERS in good standing and shall agree to comply in all material respects with the rules and procedures of MERS in connection with the servicing of the Mortgage Loans that are registered with MERS, in which case the predecessor Master Servicer shall cooperate with the successor Master Servicer in causing MERS to revise its records to reflect the transfer of servicing to the successor Master Servicer as necessary under MERS' rules and regulations, or (ii) the predecessor Master Servicer shall cooperate with the successor Master Servicer in causing MERS to execute and deliver an assignment of Mortgage in recordable form to transfer the Mortgage from MERS to the Trustee and to execute and deliver such other notices, documents and other instruments as may be necessary or desirable to effect a transfer of such Mortgage Loan or servicing of such Mortgage Loan on the MERS® System to the successor Master Servicer. The predecessor Master Servicer shall file or cause to be filed any such assignment in the appropriate recording office. The predecessor Master Servicer shall bear any and all fees of MERS, costs of preparing any assignments of Mortgage, and fees and costs of filing any assignments of Mortgage that may be required under this subsection (b). The successor Master Servicer shall cause such assignment to be delivered to the Trustee or the Custodian promptly upon receipt of the original with evidence of recording thereon or a copy certified by the public recording office in which such assignment was recorded.

Section 7.03. Notification to Certificateholders.

(a) Upon any such termination or appointment of a successor to the Master Servicer, the Trustee shall give prompt written notice thereof to the Certificate Insurer and to the Certificateholders at their respective addresses appearing in the Certificate Register.

(b) Within 60 days after the occurrence of any Event of Default, the Trustee shall transmit by mail to all Holders of Certificates and the Certificate Insurer notice of each such Event of Default hereunder known to the Trustee, unless such Event of Default shall have been cured or waived as provided in Section 7.04 hereof.

Section 7.04. Waiver of Events of Default.

The Certificate Insurer or the Holders representing at least 66% of the Voting Rights of Certificates affected by a default or Event of Default hereunder, with the written consent of the Certificate Insurer, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, may waive any default or Event of Default; *provided, however*, that (a) a default or Event of Default under clause (i) of Section 7.01 may be waived with the written consent of the Certificate Insurer, only by all of the Holders of Certificates affected by such default or Event of Default (which Voting Rights of the Class A Certificateholders may be exercised by the Certificate Insurer without the consent of such Holders and may only be exercised by such Holders with the prior written consent of the Certificate Insurer so long as there is no Certificate Insurer Default) and (b) no waiver pursuant to this Section 7.04 shall affect the Holders of Certificates in the manner set forth in Section 11.01(b)(i), (ii) or (iii). Upon any such waiver of a default or Event of Default by the Certificate Insurer or the Holders representing the requisite percentage of Voting Rights of Certificates affected by such default or Event of Default with the consent of the Certificate Insurer, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, such default or Event of Default shall cease to exist and shall be deemed to have been remedied for every purpose hereunder. No such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon except to the extent expressly so waived.

Section 7.05. Servicing Trigger; Removal of Master Servicer.

(a) Upon determination by the Certificate Insurer that a Servicing Trigger has occurred, the Certificate Insurer shall give written notice of such Servicing Trigger to the Master Servicer, the Depositor, the Trustee and to each Rating Agency.

(b) At any time after such determination and while a Servicing Trigger is continuing, the Certificate Insurer may direct the Trustee in writing to remove the Master Servicer if the Certificate Insurer makes a determination that the manner of master servicing was a factor contributing to the size of the delinquencies or losses incurred in the Trust Fund.

(c) Upon receipt of directions to remove the Master Servicer pursuant to the preceding clause (b), the Trustee shall notify the Master Servicer that it has been terminated and the Master Servicer shall be terminated in the same manner as specified in Sections 7.01 and 7.02.

(d) After notice of occurrence of a Servicing Trigger has been given and while a Servicing Trigger is continuing, until and unless the Master Servicer has been removed as provided in clause (b), the Master Servicer covenants and agrees to act as the Master Servicer for a term from the occurrence of the Servicing Trigger to the end of the calendar quarter in which such Servicing Trigger occurs, which term may at the Certificate Insurer's discretion be extended by written notice to the Trustee and the Master Servicer for successive terms of three (3) calendar months each, until the termination of the Trust

Fund. The Master Servicer will, upon the receipt of each such notice of extension (a "Master Servicer Extension Notice") become bound for the duration of the term covered by such Master Servicer Extension Notice to continue as Master Servicer subject to and in accordance with this Agreement. If, as of the fifteenth (15th) day prior to the last day of any term as the Master Servicer, the Trustee shall not have received any Master Servicer Extension Notice from the Certificate Insurer, the Trustee shall, within five (5) days thereafter, give written notice of such nonreceipt to the Certificate Insurer and the Master Servicer. If any such term expires without a Master Servicer Extension Notice then the Trustee shall act as successor Master Servicer as provided in Section 7.02.

(e) No provision of this Section 7.05 shall have the effect of limiting the rights of the Depositor, the Trustee, the Certificateholders or the Certificate Insurer under Section 7.01.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE**

Section 8.01. Duties of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee, prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default which may have occurred, undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Agreement. In case an Event of Default has occurred (which has not been cured or waived), the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Agreement, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent investor would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such investor's own affairs.

(b) The Trustee, upon receipt of all resolutions, certificates, statements, opinions, reports, documents, orders or other instruments furnished to the Trustee which are specifically required to be furnished pursuant to any provision of this Agreement, shall examine them to determine whether they conform to the requirements of this Agreement. The Trustee shall notify the Certificate Insurer and Certificateholders of any such documents which do not materially conform to the requirements of this Agreement in the event that the Trustee, after so requesting, does not receive satisfactorily corrected documents. The Trustee shall forward or cause to be forwarded in a timely fashion the notices, reports and statements required to be forwarded by the Trustee pursuant to Sections 4.03 7.03, and 10.01. The Trustee shall furnish in a timely fashion to the Master Servicer such information as the Master Servicer may reasonably request from time to time for the Master Servicer to fulfill its duties as set forth in this Agreement and the Trustee shall furnish in a timely fashion to the Certificate Insurer such information in its possession as the Certificate Insurer may reasonably request from time to time for the Certificate Insurer to protect its interests and to fulfill its duties under the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy. The Trustee covenants and agrees that it shall perform its obligations hereunder in a manner so as to maintain the status of each REMIC created hereunder as a REMIC under the REMIC Provisions and to (subject to Section 10.01(f)) prevent the imposition of any federal, state or local income, prohibited transaction, contribution or other tax on the Trust Fund to the extent that maintaining such status and avoiding such taxes are reasonably within the control of the Trustee and are reasonably within the scope of its duties under this Agreement.

(c) No provision of this Agreement shall be construed to relieve the Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct; *provided, however*, that:

(i) Prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default, and after the curing or waiver of all such Events of Default which may have occurred, the duties and obligations of the Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Agreement, the Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Agreement, no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Agreement against the Trustee and, in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Trustee, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee by the Depositor or the Master Servicer and which on their face, do not contradict the requirements of this Agreement;

(ii) The Trustee shall not be personally liable for an error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer or Responsible Officers of the Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;

(iii) The Trustee shall not be personally liable with respect to any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Certificate Insurer or the Certificateholders holding Certificates which evidence, Percentage Interests aggregating not less than 25% of the affected Classes as to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Agreement;

(iv) The Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any default (other than a default in payment to the Trustee) specified in clauses (i) and (ii) of Section 7.01 or an Event of Default under clauses (iii), (iv) and (v) of Section 7.01 unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee assigned to and working in the Corporate Trust Office obtains actual knowledge of such failure or event or the Trustee receives written notice of such failure or event at its Corporate Trust Office from the Master Servicer, the Certificate Insurer, the Depositor or any Certificateholder; and

(v) Except to the extent provided in Section 7.02, no provision in this Agreement shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds (including, without limitation, the making of any Advance) or otherwise incur any personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties as Trustee hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Trustee shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

(d) The Trustee shall timely pay, from its own funds, the amount of any and all federal, state and local taxes imposed on the Trust Fund or its assets or transactions including, without limitation, (A) "prohibited transaction" penalty taxes as defined in Section 860F of the Code, if, when and as the same shall be due and payable, (B) any tax on contributions to a REMIC after the Closing Date imposed by Section 860G(d) of the Code and (C) any tax on "net income from foreclosure property" as defined in Section 860G(c) of the Code, but only if such taxes arise out of a breach by the Trustee of its obligations hereunder, which breach constitutes negligence or willful misconduct of the Trustee.

Section 8.02. Certain Matters Affecting the Trustee.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 8.01:

(i) The Trustee may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, Officer's Certificate, certificate of auditors or any other certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, appraisal, bond or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;

(ii) The Trustee may consult with counsel and any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such Opinion of Counsel;

(iii) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the trusts or powers vested in it by this Agreement or to institute, conduct or defend any litigation hereunder or in relation hereto at the request, order or direction of any of the Certificateholders or the Certificate Insurer pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, unless such Certificateholders or the Certificate Insurer, as applicable, shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which may be incurred therein or thereby and the Certificate Insurer has given its consent; nothing contained herein shall, however, relieve the

Trustee of the obligation, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default (which has not been cured), to exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Agreement, and to use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent investor would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such investor's own affairs;

(iv) The Trustee shall not be personally liable for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it in good faith and believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Agreement;

(v) Prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder and after the curing of all Events of Default which may have occurred, the Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, approval, bond or other paper or document, unless requested in writing so to do by the Certificate Insurer or the Holders of Certificates of any Class evidencing, as to such Class, Percentage Interests, aggregating not less than 50%, with the written consent of the Certificate Insurer; *provided, however*, that if the payment within a reasonable time to the Trustee of the costs, expenses or liabilities likely to be incurred by it in the making of such investigation is, in the opinion of the Trustee, not reasonably assured to the Trustee by the security afforded to it by the terms of this Agreement, the Trustee may require reasonable indemnity against such expense or liability as a condition to so proceeding. The reasonable expense of every such examination shall be paid by the Master Servicer, if an Event of Default shall have occurred and is continuing, and otherwise by the Certificateholder or the Certificate Insurer requesting the investigation;

(vi) The Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys provided that the Trustee shall remain liable for any acts of such agents or attorneys; and

(vii) To the extent authorized under the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder, each Holder of a Class R Certificate hereby irrevocably appoints and authorizes the Trustee to be its attorney-in-fact for purposes of signing any Tax Returns required to be filed on behalf of the Trust Fund. The Trustee shall sign on behalf of the Trust Fund and deliver to the Master Servicer in a timely manner any Tax Returns prepared by or on behalf of the Master Servicer that the Trustee is required to sign as determined by the Master Servicer pursuant to applicable federal, state or local tax laws, *provided* that the Master Servicer shall indemnify the Trustee for signing any such Tax Returns that contain errors or omissions.

(b) Following the issuance of the Certificates (and except as provided for in Section 2.04), the Trustee shall not accept any contribution of assets to the Trust Fund unless (subject to Section 10.01(f)) it shall have obtained or been furnished with an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such contribution will not (i) cause any REMIC created hereunder to fail to qualify as a REMIC at any time that any Certificates are outstanding or (ii) cause the Trust Fund to be subject to any federal tax as a result of such contribution (including the imposition of any federal tax on "prohibited transactions" imposed under Section 860F(a) of the Code).

#### Section 8.03. Trustee Not Liable for Certificates or Mortgage Loans.

The recitals contained herein and in the Certificates (other than the execution of the Certificates and relating to the acceptance and receipt of the Mortgage Loans) shall be taken as the statements of the Depositor or the Master Servicer as the case may be, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Agreement or



of the Certificates (except that the Certificates shall be duly and validly executed and authenticated by it as Certificate Registrar) or of any Mortgage Loan or related document, or of MERS or the MERS® System. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Depositor or the Master Servicer of any of the Certificates or of the proceeds of such Certificates, or for the use or application of any funds paid to the Depositor or the Master Servicer in respect of the Mortgage Loans or deposited in or withdrawn from the Custodial Account or the Certificate Account by the Depositor or the Master Servicer.

Section 8.04. Trustee May Own Certificates.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Certificates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee.

Section 8.05. Master Servicer to Pay Trustee's Fees and Expenses; Indemnification.

(a) The Master Servicer covenants and agrees to pay to the Trustee and any co-trustee from time to time, and the Trustee and any co-trustee shall be entitled to, reasonable compensation (which shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust) for all services rendered by each of them in the execution of the trusts hereby created and in the exercise and performance of any of the powers and duties hereunder of the Trustee and any co-trustee, and the Master Servicer will pay or reimburse the Trustee and any co-trustee upon request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee or any co-trustee in accordance with any of the provisions of this Agreement (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its counsel and of all persons not regularly in its employ, and the expenses incurred by the Trustee or any co-trustee in connection with the appointment of an office or agency pursuant to Section 8.12) except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may arise from its negligence or bad faith.

(b) The Master Servicer agrees to indemnify the Trustee for, and to hold the Trustee harmless against, any loss, liability or expense incurred without negligence or willful misconduct on its part, arising out of, or in connection with, the acceptance and administration of the Trust Fund, including its obligation to execute the DTC Letter in its individual capacity, and including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against any claim in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties under this Agreement, *provided*, that:

(i) with respect to any such claim, the Trustee shall have given the Master Servicer written notice thereof promptly after the Trustee shall have actual knowledge thereof;

(ii) while maintaining control over its own defense, the Trustee shall cooperate and consult fully with the Master Servicer in preparing such defense; and

(iii) notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Master Servicer shall not be liable for settlement of any claim by the Trustee entered into without the prior consent of the Master Servicer which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. No termination of this Agreement shall affect the obligations created by this Section 8.05(b) of the Master Servicer to indemnify the Trustee under the conditions and to the extent set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indemnification provided by the Master Servicer in this Section 8.05(b) shall not pertain to any loss, liability or expense of the Trustee, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim, incurred in connection with any actions taken by the Trustee at the direction of Certificateholders pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

Section 8.06. Eligibility Requirements for Trustee.

The Trustee hereunder shall at all times be a national banking association or a New York banking corporation having its principal office in a state and city acceptable to the Depositor and organized and doing business under the laws of such state or the United States of America, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 and subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority. If such corporation or national banking association publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the aforesaid supervising or examining authority, then for purposes of this Section the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. In case at any time the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the Trustee shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified in Section 8.07.

Section 8.07. Resignation and Removal of the Trustee.

(a) The Trustee may at any time resign and be discharged from the trusts hereby created by giving written notice thereof to the Depositor, the Master Servicer and the Certificate Insurer. Upon receiving such notice of resignation, the Depositor shall promptly appoint a successor trustee acceptable to the Certificate Insurer by written instrument, in duplicate, one copy of which instrument shall be delivered to the resigning Trustee and one copy to the successor trustee. If no successor trustee shall have been so appointed and have accepted appointment within 30 days after the giving of such notice of resignation then the Certificate Insurer may appoint a successor trustee and if the Certificate Insurer fails to do so within 30 days, the resigning Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor trustee.

(b) If at any time the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.06 and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Certificate Insurer or the Depositor with the consent of the Certificate Insurer, which such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, or if at any time the Trustee shall become incapable of acting, or shall be adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or a receiver of the Trustee or of its property shall be appointed, or any public officer shall take charge or control of the Trustee or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation, then the Certificate Insurer or the Depositor with the consent of the Certificate Insurer, which such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, may remove the Trustee and appoint a successor trustee by written instrument, in duplicate, one copy of which instrument shall be delivered to the Trustee so removed and one copy to the successor trustee. In addition, in the event that the Certificate Insurer or the Depositor determines that the Trustee has failed (i) to make a required claim under the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy of which it has been notified pursuant to Section 4.12(a) or failed to distribute or cause to be distributed to Certificateholders any amount required to be distributed hereunder (including any Insured Payment), if such amount is held by the Trustee or its Paying Agent (other than the Master Servicer or the Depositor) for distribution or (ii) to otherwise observe or perform in any material respect any of its covenants, agreements or obligations hereunder, and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of 5 days (in respect of clause (i) above) or 30 days (in respect of clause (ii) above) after the date on which written notice of such failure, requiring that the same be remedied, shall have been given to the Trustee by the Depositor or the Certificate Insurer, then the Depositor with the consent of the Certificate Insurer, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, may remove the Trustee and appoint a successor trustee by written instrument delivered as provided in the preceding sentence. In connection with the appointment of a successor trustee pursuant to the preceding sentence, the Depositor shall, on or before the date on which any such appointment becomes effective, obtain from each Rating Agency written confirmation that the appointment of any such successor trustee will not result in the reduction of the ratings on any Class of the Certificates below the lesser of the then current or

original ratings on such Certificates (without taking into account the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy).

(c) During the continuance of a Certificate Insurer Default, the Holders of Certificates entitled to at least 51% of the Voting Rights may at any time remove the Trustee and appoint a successor trustee by written instrument or instruments, in triplicate, signed by such Holders or their attorneys-in-fact duly authorized, one complete set of which instruments shall be delivered to the Depositor, one complete set to the Trustee so removed and one complete set to the successor so appointed.

(d) Any resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor trustee pursuant to any of the provisions of this Section shall become effective upon acceptance of appointment by the successor trustee as provided in Section 8.08.

Section 8.08. Successor Trustee.

(a) Any successor trustee appointed as provided in Section 8.07 shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Depositor and the Certificate Insurer and to its predecessor trustee an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the predecessor trustee shall become effective and such successor trustee shall become effective and such successor trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become fully vested with all the rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor hereunder, with the like effect as if originally named as trustee herein. The predecessor trustee shall deliver to the successor trustee all Mortgage Files and related documents and statements held by it hereunder (other than any Mortgage Files at the time held by a Custodian, which shall become the agent of any successor trustee hereunder), and the Depositor, the Master Servicer and the predecessor trustee shall execute and deliver such instruments and do such other things as may reasonably be required for more fully and certainly vesting and confirming in the successor trustee all such rights, powers, duties and obligations.

(b) No successor trustee shall accept appointment as provided in this Section unless at the time of such acceptance such successor trustee shall be eligible under the provisions of Section 8.06.

(c) Upon acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee as provided in this Section, the Depositor shall mail notice of the succession of such trustee hereunder to all Holders of Certificates at their addresses as shown in the Certificate Register. If the Depositor fails to mail such notice within 10 days after acceptance of appointment by the successor trustee, the successor trustee shall cause such notice to be mailed at the expense of the Depositor.

Section 8.09. Merger or Consolidation of Trustee.

Any corporation or national banking association into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated or any corporation or national banking association resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any corporation or national banking association succeeding to the business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder, *provided* such corporation or national banking association shall be eligible under the provisions of Section 8.06, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding. The Trustee shall mail notice of any such merger or consolidation to the Certificateholders at their address as shown in the Certificate Register.

Section 8.10. Appointment of Co-Trustee or Separate Trustee.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, at any time, for the purpose of meeting any legal requirements of any jurisdiction in which any part of the Trust Fund or property securing the same may at the time be located, the Master Servicer and the Trustee acting jointly shall have the power and shall execute and deliver all instruments to appoint one or more Persons approved by the Trustee to act as co-trustee or co-trustees, jointly with the Trustee, or separate trustee or separate trustees, of all or any part of the Trust Fund, and to vest in such Person or Persons, in such capacity, such title to the Trust Fund, or any part thereof, and, subject to the other provisions of this Section 8.10, such powers, duties, obligations, rights and trusts as the Master Servicer and the Trustee may consider necessary or desirable. If the Master Servicer shall not have joined in such appointment within 15 days after the receipt by it of a request so to do, or in case an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Trustee alone shall have the power to make such appointment. No co-trustee or separate trustee hereunder shall be required to meet the terms of eligibility as a successor trustee under Section 8.06 hereunder and no notice to Holders of Certificates of the appointment of co-trustee(s) or separate trustee(s) shall be required under Section 8.08 hereof.

(b) In the case of any appointment of a co-trustee or separate trustee pursuant to this Section 8.10 all rights, powers, duties and obligations conferred or imposed upon the Trustee shall be conferred or imposed upon and exercised or performed by the Trustee, and such separate trustee or co-trustee jointly, except to the extent that under any law of any jurisdiction in which any particular act or acts are to be performed (whether as Trustee hereunder or as successor to the Master Servicer hereunder), the Trustee shall be incompetent or unqualified to perform such act or acts, in which event such rights, powers, duties and obligations (including the holding of title to the Trust Fund or any portion thereof in any such jurisdiction) shall be exercised and performed by such separate trustee or co-trustee at the direction of the Trustee.

(c) Any notice, request or other writing given to the Trustee shall be deemed to have been given to each of the then separate trustees and co-trustees, as effectively as if given to each of them. Every instrument appointing any separate trustee or co-trustee shall refer to this Agreement and the conditions of this Article VIII. Each separate trustee and co-trustee, upon its acceptance of the trusts conferred, shall be vested with the estates or property specified in its instrument of appointment, either jointly with the Trustee or separately, as may be provided therein, subject to all the provisions of this Agreement, specifically including every provision of this Agreement relating to the conduct of, affecting the liability of, or affording protection to, the Trustee. Every such instrument shall be filed with the Trustee.

(d) Any separate trustee or co-trustee may, at any time, constitute the Trustee, its agent or attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority, to the extent not prohibited by law, to do any lawful act under or in respect of this Agreement on its behalf and in its name. If any separate trustee or co-trustee shall die, become incapable of acting, resign or be removed, all of its estates, properties, rights, remedies and trusts shall vest in and be exercised by the Trustee, to the extent permitted by law, without the appointment of a new or successor trustee.

Section 8.11. Appointment of Custodians.

The Trustee may, with the consent of the Master Servicer, the Certificate Insurer and the Depositor, appoint one or more Custodians who are not Affiliates of the Depositor or the Master Servicer to hold all or a portion of the Mortgage Files as agent for the Trustee, by entering into a Custodial Agreement. Subject to Article VIII, the Trustee agrees to comply with the terms of each Custodial Agreement and to enforce the terms and provisions thereof against the Custodian for the benefit of the

Certificateholders. Each Custodian shall be a depository institution subject to supervision by federal or state authority, shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$15,000,000 and shall be qualified to do business in the jurisdiction in which it holds any Mortgage File. Each Custodial Agreement may be amended only as provided in Section 11.01. The Trustee shall notify the Certificateholders of the appointment of any Custodian (other than the Custodian appointed as of the Closing Date) pursuant to this Section 8.11.

Section 8.12. Appointment of Office or Agency.

The Trustee shall maintain an office or agency in the City of New York where Certificates may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange. The Trustee initially designates its offices located at 4 New York Plaza, 6th Floor, New York, New York 10004 for the purpose of keeping the Certificate Register. The Trustee shall maintain an office at the address stated in Section 11.05(c) hereof where notices and demands to or upon the Trustee in respect of this Agreement may be served.

Section 8.13. DTC Letter of Representations.

The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to, and agrees that it shall, enter into the DTC Letter on behalf of the Trust Fund and in its individual capacity as agent thereunder.

**ARTICLE IX**

**TERMINATION**

Section 9.01. Termination Upon Purchase by the Master Servicer or Liquidation of All Mortgage Loans.

(a) Subject to Section 9.02, the respective obligations and responsibilities of the Depositor, the Master Servicer and the Trustee created hereby in respect of the Certificates (other than the obligation of the Trustee to make certain payments after the Final Distribution Date to Certificateholders and the obligation of the Depositor to send certain notices as hereinafter set forth) shall terminate upon the last action required to be taken by the Trustee on the Final Distribution Date pursuant to this Article IX following the earlier of:

(i) the later of the final payment or other liquidation (or any Advance with respect thereto) of the last Mortgage Loan remaining in the Trust Fund or the disposition of all property acquired upon foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure of any Mortgage Loan, or

(ii) the purchase by the Master Servicer of all Group I Loans and all property acquired in respect of any Group I Loan remaining in the Trust Fund (other than the Trust Fund's interest in the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy and the MI Policy) and the purchase by the Master Servicer of all Group II Loans and all property acquired in respect of any Group II Loan remaining in the Trust Fund (other than the Trust Fund's interest in the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy and the MI Policy), in each case, at a price equal to 100% of the unpaid principal balance of each Mortgage Loan (or, if less than such unpaid principal balance, the fair market value of the related underlying property of such Mortgage Loan with respect to Mortgage Loans as to which title has been acquired if such fair market value is less than such unpaid principal balance) (net of any unreimbursed Advances attributable to principal) on the day of repurchase, plus accrued interest thereon at the Net Mortgage Rate (or Modified Net Mortgage Rate in the case of any Modified Mortgage Loan), plus the applicable Mortgage Insurance Premium Rate, if any, plus the applicable Certificate Insurer Premium Modified Rate, to, but not

including, the first day of the month in which such repurchase price is distributed, including the payment of any amounts due to the Certificate Insurer pursuant to the Insurance Agreement; *provided, however*, that in no event shall the trust created hereby continue beyond the expiration of 21 years from the death of the last survivor of the descendants of Joseph P. Kennedy, the late ambassador of the United States to the Court of St. James, living on the date hereof; and *provided further*, that the purchase price set forth above shall be increased as is necessary, as determined by the Master Servicer, to avoid disqualification of any REMIC created hereunder as a REMIC. The purchase price paid by the Master Servicer pursuant to this Section 9.01(a)(ii) shall also include any amounts owed by Residential Funding pursuant to the last paragraph of Section 4 of the Assignment Agreement in respect of any liability, penalty or expense that resulted from a breach of the representation and warranty set forth in clause (xlvii) of Section 4 of the Assignment Agreement that remain unpaid on the date of such purchase.

The right of the Master Servicer to purchase all of the Group I Loans pursuant to clause (ii) above is conditioned upon the date of such purchase occurring on or after the Group I Optional Termination Date. The right of the Master Servicer to purchase all of the Group II Loans pursuant to clause (ii) above is conditioned upon the date of such purchase occurring on or after the Group II Optional Termination Date. If such right is exercised by the Master Servicer, the Master Servicer shall be deemed to have been reimbursed for the full amount of any unreimbursed Advances theretofore made by it with respect to the Mortgage Loans being purchased. In addition, the Master Servicer shall provide to the Trustee the certification required by Section 3.15 and the Trustee and any Custodian shall, promptly following payment of the purchase price, release to the Master Servicer the Mortgage Files pertaining to the Mortgage Loans being purchased. No purchase pursuant to clause (ii) of this Section 9.01(a) is permitted if it would result in a draw on either Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy, unless the Certificate Insurer consents in writing.

In addition to the foregoing, on any Distribution Date on or after the Group I Optional Termination Date, the Master Servicer shall have the right, at its option, to purchase the Class A-I Certificates in whole, but not in part, at a price equal to the sum of the outstanding Certificate Principal Balance of such Certificates plus the sum of one month's Accrued Certificate Interest thereon, any previously unpaid Accrued Certificate Interest, and any unpaid Prepayment Interest Shortfall previously allocated thereto and, in the case of Prepayment Interest Shortfalls, accrued interest thereon at the applicable Pass-Through Rate and the payment of any amounts due to the Certificate Insurer under the Insurance Agreement. On any Distribution Date on or after the Group II Optional Termination Date, the Master Servicer shall have the right, at its option, to purchase the Class A-II Certificates in whole, but not in part, at a price equal to the sum of the outstanding Certificate Principal Balance of such Certificates plus the sum of one month's Accrued Certificate Interest thereon, any previously unpaid Accrued Certificate Interest, and any unpaid Prepayment Interest Shortfall previously allocated thereto and, in the case of Prepayment Interest Shortfalls, accrued interest thereon at the applicable Pass-Through Rate, and the payment of any amounts due to the Certificate Insurer under the Insurance Agreement; *provided, however*, that no optional purchase of the Group I Loans, Group II Loans, Class A-I Certificates or Class A-II Certificates will be permitted if it would result in a draw under the Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy for the related Loan Group, or the Certificate Insurer could show a reasonable probability that it would result in a draw under the Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy for the non-related Loan Group, in each case, unless the Certificate Insurer consents to the termination in writing. If the Master Servicer exercises this right to purchase the outstanding Class A-I Certificates or Class A-II Certificates, the Master Servicer will promptly terminate the respective obligations and responsibilities created hereby in respect of these Certificates pursuant to this Article IX.

(b) The Master Servicer shall give the Trustee and the Certificate Insurer not less than 60 days' prior notice of the Distribution Date on which the Master Servicer anticipates that the final

distribution will be made to Certificateholders (whether as a result of the exercise by the Master Servicer of its right to purchase the assets of the related Loan Group or otherwise) or on which the Master Servicer anticipates that the Certificates will be purchased (as a result of the exercise by the Master Servicer to purchase the outstanding Certificates). Notice of any termination, specifying the anticipated Final Distribution Date (which shall be a date that would otherwise be a Distribution Date) upon which the Certificateholders may surrender their Certificates to the Trustee (if so required by the terms hereof) for payment of the final distribution and cancellation or notice of any purchase of the outstanding Certificates, specifying the Distribution Date upon which the Holders may surrender their Certificates to the Trustee for payment, shall (i) be given promptly to the Trustee by the Master Servicer (if it is exercising its right to purchase the assets of the related Loan Group or to purchase the related outstanding Certificates) and the Trustee shall then promptly deliver such notice to the Certificateholders, or (ii) be given promptly by the Trustee (in any other case) directly to the Certificateholders. Each notice given pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be by letter addressed to the Certificateholders (with a copy to the Certificate Registrar and the Certificate Insurer) mailed not earlier than the 15th day and not later than the 25th day of the month next preceding the month of such final distribution specifying:

(i) the anticipated Final Distribution Date upon which final payment of the Certificates is anticipated to be made upon presentation and surrender of Certificates at the office or agency of the Trustee therein designated where required pursuant to this Agreement or, in the case of the purchase by the Master Servicer of the outstanding Certificates, the Distribution Date on which such purchase is made,

(ii) the amount of any such final payment or, in the case of the purchase of the outstanding Certificates, the purchase price, in either case, if known, and

(iii) that the Record Date otherwise applicable to such Distribution Date is not applicable, and that payment will be made only upon presentation and surrender of the Certificates at the office or agency of the Trustee therein specified.

If the Master Servicer is obligated to give notice to Certificateholders as required above, it shall give such notice to the Certificate Registrar at the time such notice is given to Certificateholders. In the event such notice is given by the Master Servicer, the Master Servicer shall deposit in the Certificate Account before the Final Distribution Date in immediately available funds an amount equal to the purchase price for the assets of the related Loan Group computed as above provided. As a result of the exercise by the Master Servicer of its right to purchase the outstanding Certificates, the Master Servicer shall deposit in an Eligible Account, established by the Master Servicer on behalf of the Trustee and separate from the Certificate Account, in the name of the Trustee in trust for the registered holders of the Certificates, before the Distribution Date on which such purchase is to occur, in immediately available funds, an amount equal to the purchase price for the Certificates computed as provided above, and provide notice of such deposit to the Trustee and the Certificate Insurer. The Trustee shall withdraw from such account the amount specified in subsection (c) below and distribute such amount to the Certificateholders as specified in subsection (c) below. The Master Servicer shall provide to the Trustee written notification of any change to the anticipated Final Distribution Date as soon as practicable. If the Trust Fund is not terminated on the anticipated Final Distribution Date, for any reason, the Trustee shall promptly mail notice thereof to each affected Certificateholder.

(c) Upon presentation and surrender of the Class A-I Certificates by the Certificateholders thereof, the Trustee shall distribute to such Certificateholders (i) the amount otherwise distributable on such Distribution Date, if not in connection with the Master Servicer's election to repurchase the Group I Loans or the outstanding Class A-I Certificates, or (ii) if the Master Servicer elected to so repurchase the Group I Loans or the outstanding Class A-I Certificates, an amount equal to the price paid pursuant to



Section 9.01(a) as follows: first, with respect to the Class A-I Certificates, *pari passu*, the outstanding Certificate Principal Balance thereof, plus Accrued Certificate Interest thereon for the related Interest Accrual Period and any previously unpaid Accrued Certificate Interest, any unpaid Prepayment Interest Shortfalls and, in the case of Prepayment Interest Shortfalls, accrued interest thereon at the applicable Pass-Through Rate second, to the Certificate Insurer, any amounts owed to it pursuant to the Insurance Agreement, and third, to the Class SB-I Certificates. Upon presentation and surrender of the Class A-II Certificates by the Certificateholders thereof, the Trustee shall distribute to such Certificateholders (i) the amount otherwise distributable on such Distribution Date, if not in connection with the Master Servicer's election to repurchase the Group II Loans or the outstanding Class A-II Certificates, or (ii) if the Master Servicer elected to so repurchase the Group II Loans or the outstanding Class A-II Certificates, an amount equal to the price paid pursuant to Section 9.01(a) as follows: first, with respect to the Class A-II Certificates, *pari passu*, the outstanding Certificate Principal Balance thereof, plus Accrued Certificate Interest thereon for the related Interest Accrual Period and any previously unpaid Accrued Certificate Interest, any unpaid Prepayment Interest Shortfalls and, in the case of Prepayment Interest Shortfalls, accrued interest thereon at the applicable Pass-Through Rate, second, to the Certificate Insurer, any amounts owed to it pursuant to the Insurance Agreement, and third, to the Class SB-II Certificates.

(d) In the event that any Certificateholders shall not surrender their Certificates for final payment and cancellation on or before the Final Distribution Date, the Trustee shall on such date cause all funds in the Certificate Account not distributed in final distribution to Certificateholders to be withdrawn therefrom and credited to the remaining Certificateholders by depositing such funds in a separate escrow account for the benefit of such Certificateholders, and the Master Servicer (if it exercised its right to purchase the assets of the related Loan Group), or the Trustee (in any other case) shall give a second written notice to the remaining Certificateholders to surrender their Certificates for cancellation and receive the final distribution with respect thereto. If within six months after the second notice any Certificate shall not have been surrendered for cancellation, the Trustee shall take appropriate steps as directed by the Master Servicer to contact the remaining Certificateholders concerning surrender of their Certificates. The costs and expenses of maintaining the escrow account and of contacting Certificateholders shall be paid out of the assets which remain in the escrow account. If within nine months after the second notice any Certificates shall not have been surrendered for cancellation, the Trustee shall pay to the Master Servicer all amounts distributable to the holders thereof and the Master Servicer shall thereafter hold such amounts until distributed to such Holders. No interest shall accrue or be payable to any Certificateholder on any amount held in the escrow account or by the Master Servicer as a result of such Certificateholder's failure to surrender its Certificate(s) for final payment thereof in accordance with this Section 9.01 and the Certificateholders shall look only to the Master Servicer for such payment.

(e) If any Certificateholders do not surrender their Certificates on or before the Distribution Date on which a purchase of the outstanding Certificates is to be made, the Trustee shall on such date cause all funds in the Eligible Account established by the Master Servicer deposited therein by the Master Servicer pursuant to Section 9.01(b) to be withdrawn therefrom and deposited in a separate escrow account for the benefit of such Certificateholders, and the Master Servicer shall give a second written notice to such Certificateholders to surrender their Certificates for payment of the purchase price therefor. If within six months after the second notice any Certificate shall not have been surrendered for cancellation, the Trustee shall take appropriate steps as directed by the Master Servicer to contact the Holders of such Certificates concerning surrender of their Certificates. The costs and expenses of maintaining the escrow account and of contacting Certificateholders shall be paid out of the assets which remain in the escrow account. If within nine months after the second notice any Certificates shall not have been surrendered for cancellation in accordance with this Section 9.01, the Trustee shall pay to the Master Servicer all amounts distributable to the Holders thereof and shall have no further obligation or liability therefor and the Master Servicer shall thereafter hold such amounts until distributed to such



Holders. No interest shall accrue or be payable to any Certificateholder on any amount held in the escrow account or by the Master Servicer as a result of such Certificateholder's failure to surrender its Certificate(s) for payment in accordance with this Section 9.01. Any Certificate that is not surrendered on the Distribution Date on which a purchase pursuant to this Section 9.01 occurs as provided above will be deemed to have been purchased and the Holder as of such date will have no rights with respect thereto except to receive the purchase price therefor minus any costs and expenses associated with such escrow account and notices allocated thereto. Any Certificates so purchased or deemed to have been purchased on such Distribution Date shall remain outstanding hereunder. The Master Servicer shall be for all purposes the Holder thereof as of such date.

Section 9.02. Additional Termination Requirements.

(a) Each of REMIC I, REMIC II and REMIC III as the case may be, shall be terminated in accordance with the following additional requirements, unless the Trustee, the Certificate Insurer and the Master Servicer have received an Opinion of Counsel (which Opinion of Counsel shall not be an expense of the Trustee or the Certificate Insurer) to the effect that the failure of any REMIC created hereunder to comply with the requirements of this Section 9.02 will not (i) result in the imposition on the Trust Fund of taxes on "prohibited transactions," as described in Section 860F of the Code, or (ii) cause any REMIC created hereunder to fail to qualify as a REMIC at any time that any Certificate is outstanding:

(i) The Master Servicer shall establish a 90-day liquidation period for each of REMIC I, REMIC II and REMIC III, and specify the first day of such period in a statement attached to the Trust Fund's final Tax Return pursuant to Treasury regulations §1.860F-1. The Master Servicer also shall satisfy all of the requirements of a qualified liquidation for each of REMIC I, REMIC II and REMIC III, under Section 860F of the Code and the regulations thereunder;;

(ii) The Master Servicer shall notify the Trustee at the commencement of such 90-day liquidation period and, at or prior to the time of making of the final payment on the Certificates, the Trustee shall sell or otherwise dispose of all of the remaining assets of the Trust Fund in accordance with the terms hereof; and

(iii) If the Master Servicer is exercising its right to purchase the assets of the Trust Fund, the Master Servicer shall, during the 90-day liquidation period and at or prior to the Final Distribution Date, purchase all of the assets of the Trust Fund for cash;

(b) Each Holder of a Certificate and the Trustee hereby irrevocably approves and appoints the Master Servicer as its attorney-in-fact to adopt a plan of complete liquidation for each of REMIC I, REMIC II and REMIC III at the expense of the Trust Fund in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE X

### REMIC PROVISIONS

#### Section 10.01. REMIC Administration.

(a) The REMIC Administrator shall make an election to treat each of REMIC I, REMIC II and REMIC III as a REMIC under the Code and, if necessary, under applicable state law. Such election will be made on Form 1066 or other appropriate federal tax or information return (including Form 8811) or any appropriate state return for the taxable year ending on the last day of the calendar year in which the Certificates are issued. The REMIC I Regular Interests shall be designated as the "regular interests" and the Class R-I Certificates shall be designated as the sole Class of "residual interests" in REMIC I. The REMIC II Regular Interests shall be designated as the "regular interests" and the Class R-II Certificates shall be designated as the sole Class of "residual interests" in REMIC II. The Class A-I Certificates, Class A-II Certificates and Class SB Certificates shall be designated as the "regular interests" in REMIC III and the Class R-III Certificates shall be designated the sole Class of "residual interests" in REMIC III. The REMIC Administrator and the Trustee shall not permit the creation of any "interests" (within the meaning of Section 860G of the Code) in the REMIC other than the Certificates.

(b) The Closing Date is hereby designated as the "startup day" of each of REMIC I, REMIC II and REMIC III within the meaning of Section 860G(a)(9) of the Code (the "Startup Date").

(c) The REMIC Administrator shall hold a Class R Certificate in each REMIC representing a 0.01% Percentage Interest of the Class R Certificates in each REMIC and shall be designated as the "tax matters person" with respect to each of REMIC I, REMIC II and REMIC III in the manner provided under Treasury regulations Section 1.860F-4(d) and Treasury regulations Section 301.6231(a)(7)-1. The REMIC Administrator, as tax matters person, shall (i) act on behalf of each of REMIC I, REMIC II and REMIC III in relation to any tax matter or controversy involving the Trust Fund and (ii) represent the Trust Fund in any administrative or judicial proceeding relating to an examination or audit by any governmental taxing authority with respect thereto. The legal expenses, including without limitation attorneys' or accountants' fees, and costs of any such proceeding and any liability resulting therefrom shall be expenses of the Trust Fund and the REMIC Administrator shall be entitled to reimbursement therefor out of amounts attributable to the Mortgage Loans on deposit in the Custodial Account as provided by Section 3.10 unless such legal expenses and costs are incurred by reason of the REMIC Administrator's willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence. If the REMIC Administrator is no longer the Master Servicer hereunder, at its option the REMIC Administrator may continue its duties as REMIC Administrator and shall be paid reasonable compensation not to exceed \$3,000 per year by any successor Master Servicer hereunder for so acting as the REMIC Administrator.

(d) The REMIC Administrator shall prepare or cause to be prepared all of the Tax Returns that it determines are required with respect to the REMICs created hereunder and deliver such Tax Returns in a timely manner to the Trustee and the Trustee shall sign and file such Tax Returns in a timely manner. The expenses of preparing such returns shall be borne by the REMIC Administrator without any right of reimbursement therefor. The REMIC Administrator agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Trustee with respect to any tax or liability arising from the Trustee's signing of Tax Returns that contain errors or omissions. The Trustee and Master Servicer shall promptly provide the REMIC Administrator with such information as the REMIC Administrator may from time to time request for the purpose of enabling the REMIC Administrator to prepare Tax Returns.

(e) The REMIC Administrator shall provide (i) to any Transferor of a Class R Certificate such information as is necessary for the application of any tax relating to the transfer of a Class R

Certificate to any Person who is not a Permitted Transferee, (ii) to the Trustee and the Trustee shall forward to the Certificateholders such information or reports as are required by the Code or the REMIC Provisions including reports relating to interest, original issue discount, if any, and market discount or premium (using the Prepayment Assumption) and (iii) to the Internal Revenue Service the name, title, address and telephone number of the person who will serve as the representative of each REMIC created hereunder.

(f) The Master Servicer and the REMIC Administrator shall take such actions and shall cause each REMIC created hereunder to take such actions as are reasonably within the Master Servicer's or the REMIC Administrator's control and the scope of its duties more specifically set forth herein as shall be necessary or desirable to maintain the status thereof as a REMIC under the REMIC Provisions (and the Trustee shall assist the Master Servicer and the REMIC Administrator, to the extent reasonably requested by the Master Servicer and the REMIC Administrator to do so). In performing their duties as more specifically set forth herein, the Master Servicer and the REMIC Administrator shall not knowingly or intentionally take any action, cause the Trust Fund to take any action or fail to take (or fail to cause to be taken) any action reasonably within their respective control and the scope of duties more specifically set forth herein, that, under the REMIC Provisions, if taken or not taken, as the case may be, could (i) endanger the status of any REMIC created hereunder as a REMIC or (ii) result in the imposition of a tax upon any REMIC created hereunder (including but not limited to the tax on prohibited transactions as defined in Section 860F(a)(2) of the Code (except as provided in Section 2.04) and the tax on contributions to a REMIC set forth in Section 860G(d) of the Code) (either such event, in the absence of an Opinion of Counsel or the indemnification referred to in this sentence, an "Adverse REMIC Event") unless the Certificate Insurer and the Master Servicer or the REMIC Administrator, as applicable, have received an Opinion of Counsel (at the expense of the party seeking to take such action or, if such party fails to pay such expense, and the Master Servicer or the REMIC Administrator, as applicable, determines that taking such action is in the best interest of the Trust Fund and the Certificateholders and is not adverse to the interests of the Certificate Insurer, at the expense of the Trust Fund, but in no event at the expense of the Master Servicer, the REMIC Administrator or the Trustee) to the effect that the contemplated action will not, with respect to the Trust Fund created hereunder, endanger such status or, unless the Master Servicer or the REMIC Administrator or both, as applicable, determine in its or their sole discretion to indemnify the Trust Fund against the imposition of such a tax, result in the imposition of such a tax. Wherever in this Agreement a contemplated action may not be taken because the timing of such action might result in the imposition of a tax on the Trust Fund, or may only be taken pursuant to an Opinion of Counsel that such action would not impose a tax on the Trust Fund, such action may nonetheless be taken provided that the indemnity given in the preceding sentence with respect to any taxes that might be imposed on the Trust Fund has been given and that all other preconditions to the taking of such action have been satisfied. The Trustee shall not take or fail to take any action (whether or not authorized hereunder) as to which the Master Servicer or the REMIC Administrator, as applicable, has advised it in writing that it has received an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that an Adverse REMIC Event could occur with respect to such action or inaction, as the case may be. In addition, prior to taking any action with respect to the Trust Fund or its assets, or causing the Trust Fund to take any action, which is not expressly permitted under the terms of this Agreement, the Trustee will consult with the Certificate Insurer and the Master Servicer or the REMIC Administrator, as applicable, or its designee, in writing, with respect to whether such action could cause an Adverse REMIC Event to occur with respect to the Trust Fund and the Trustee shall not take any such action or cause the Trust Fund to take any such action as to which the Master Servicer or the REMIC Administrator, as applicable, has advised it in writing that an Adverse REMIC Event could occur. The Master Servicer or the REMIC Administrator, as applicable, may consult with counsel to make such written advice, and the cost of same shall be borne by the party seeking to take the action not expressly permitted by this Agreement, but in no event at the expense of the Master Servicer or the REMIC Administrator. At all times as may be required by the Code, the Master Servicer or the REMIC Administrator, as applicable, will to the extent within its control and the scope of

its duties more specifically set forth herein, maintain substantially all of the assets of the REMIC as “qualified mortgages” as defined in Section 860G(a)(3) of the Code and “permitted investments” as defined in Section 860G(a)(5) of the Code.

(g) In the event that any tax is imposed on “prohibited transactions” of any REMIC created hereunder as defined in Section 860F(a)(2) of the Code, on “net income from foreclosure property” of any REMIC as defined in Section 860G(c) of the Code, on any contributions to any REMIC after the Startup Date therefor pursuant to Section 860G(d) of the Code, or any other tax imposed by the Code or any applicable provisions of state or local tax laws, such tax shall be charged (i) to the Master Servicer, if such tax arises out of or results from a breach by the Master Servicer of any of its obligations under this Agreement or the Master Servicer in its role as Master Servicer or REMIC Administrator has in its sole discretion determined to indemnify the Trust Fund against such tax, (ii) to the Trustee, if such tax arises out of or results from a breach by the Trustee of any of its obligations under this Article X, or (iii) otherwise against amounts on deposit in the Custodial Account as provided by Section 3.10 and on the Distribution Date(s) following such reimbursement the aggregate of such taxes shall be allocated in reduction of the Accrued Certificate Interest on each Class entitled thereto in the same manner as if such taxes constituted a Prepayment Interest Shortfall.

(h) The Trustee and the Master Servicer shall, for federal income tax purposes, maintain books and records with respect to each REMIC on a calendar year and on an accrual basis or as otherwise may be required by the REMIC Provisions.

(i) Following the Startup Date, neither the Master Servicer nor the Trustee shall accept any contributions of assets to any REMIC unless (subject to Section 10.01(f)) the Master Servicer, the Certificate Insurer and the Trustee shall have received an Opinion of Counsel (at the expense of the party seeking to make such contribution) to the effect that the inclusion of such assets in any REMIC will not cause any REMIC created hereunder to fail to qualify as a REMIC at any time that any Certificates are outstanding or subject any such REMIC to any tax under the REMIC Provisions or other applicable provisions of federal, state and local law or ordinances.

(j) Neither the Master Servicer nor the Trustee shall (subject to Section 10.01(f)) enter into any arrangement by which any REMIC created hereunder will receive a fee or other compensation for services nor permit any REMIC created hereunder to receive any income from assets other than “qualified mortgages” as defined in Section 860G(a)(3) of the Code or “permitted investments” as defined in Section 860G(a)(5) of the Code.

(k) Solely for the purposes of Section 1.860G-1(a)(4)(iii) of the Treasury Regulations, the “latest possible maturity date” by which the principal balance of each regular interest in each REMIC would be reduced to zero is August 25, 2034, which is the Distribution Date in the month following the last scheduled payment on any Mortgage Loan.

(l) Within 30 days after the Closing Date, the REMIC Administrator shall prepare and file with the Internal Revenue Service Form 8811, “Information Return for Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits (REMIC) and Issuers of Collateralized Debt Obligations” for the Trust Fund.

(m) Neither the Trustee nor the Master Servicer shall sell, dispose of or substitute for any of the Mortgage Loans (except in connection with (i) the default, imminent default or foreclosure of a Mortgage Loan, including but not limited to, the acquisition or sale of a Mortgaged Property acquired by deed in lieu of foreclosure, (ii) the bankruptcy of the Trust Fund, (iii) the termination of any REMIC pursuant to Article IX of this Agreement or (iv) a purchase of Mortgage Loans pursuant to Article II or III of this Agreement) or acquire any assets for any REMIC or sell or dispose of any investments in the

Custodial Account or the Certificate Account for gain, or accept any contributions to any REMIC after the Closing Date unless the Certificate Insurer and Master Servicer or Trustee, as applicable, have received an Opinion of Counsel that such sale, disposition, substitution or acquisition will not (a) affect adversely the status of any REMIC created hereunder as a REMIC or (b) unless the Master Servicer has determined in its sole discretion to indemnify the Trust Fund against such tax, cause any REMIC to be subject to a tax on "prohibited transactions" or "contributions" pursuant to the REMIC Provisions. The Trustee shall treat the Mortgage Insurance Premium Taxes Reserve Fund as an outside reserve fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation 1.860G-2(h).

Section 10.02. Master Servicer, REMIC Administrator and Trustee Indemnification.

(a) The Trustee agrees to indemnify the Trust Fund, the Certificate Insurer, the Depositor, the REMIC Administrator and the Master Servicer for any taxes and costs including, without limitation, any reasonable attorneys fees imposed on or incurred by the Trust Fund, the Certificate Insurer, the Depositor or the Master Servicer, as a result of a breach of the Trustee's covenants set forth in Article VIII or this Article X. In the event that Residential Funding is no longer the Master Servicer, the Trustee shall indemnify Residential Funding for any taxes and costs including, without limitation, any reasonable attorneys fees imposed on or incurred by Residential Funding as a result of a breach of the Trustee's covenants set forth in Article VIII or this Article X.

(b) The REMIC Administrator agrees to indemnify the Trust Fund, the Certificate Insurer, the Depositor, the Master Servicer and the Trustee for any taxes and costs (including, without limitation, any reasonable attorneys' fees) imposed on or incurred by the Trust Fund, the Certificate Insurer, the Depositor, the Master Servicer or the Trustee, as a result of a breach of the REMIC Administrator's covenants set forth in this Article X with respect to compliance with the REMIC Provisions, including without limitation, any penalties arising from the Trustee's execution of Tax Returns prepared by the REMIC Administrator that contain errors or omissions; provided, however, that such liability will not be imposed to the extent such breach is a result of an error or omission in information provided to the REMIC Administrator by the Master Servicer in which case Section 10.02(c) will apply.

(c) The Master Servicer agrees to indemnify the Trust Fund, the Certificate Insurer, the Depositor, the REMIC Administrator and the Trustee for any taxes and costs (including, without limitation, any reasonable attorneys' fees) imposed on or incurred by the Trust Fund, the Certificate Insurer, the Depositor, the REMIC Administrator or the Trustee, as a result of a breach of the Master Servicer's covenants set forth in this Article X or in Article III with respect to compliance with the REMIC Provisions, including without limitation, any penalties arising from the Trustee's execution of Tax Returns prepared by the Master Servicer that contain errors or omissions.

## ARTICLE XI

### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 11.01. Amendment. Subject to Section 11.10(c) hereof:

(a) This Agreement or any Custodial Agreement may be amended from time to time by the Depositor, the Master Servicer and the Trustee, without the consent of any of the Certificateholders:

- (i) to cure any ambiguity,
- (ii) to correct or supplement any provisions herein or therein, which may be inconsistent with any other provisions herein or therein or to correct any error,
- (iii) to modify, eliminate or add to any of its provisions to such extent as shall be necessary or desirable to maintain the qualification of any REMIC created hereunder as a REMIC at all times that any Certificate is outstanding or to avoid or minimize the risk of the imposition of any tax on the Trust Fund pursuant to the Code that would be a claim against the Trust Fund, *provided* that the Trustee has received an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that (A) such action is necessary or desirable to maintain such qualification or to avoid or minimize the risk of the imposition of any such tax and (B) such action will not adversely affect in any material respect the interests of any Certificateholder,
- (iv) to change the timing and/or nature of deposits into the Custodial Account or the Certificate Account or to change the name in which the Custodial Account is maintained, *provided* that (A) the Certificate Account Deposit Date shall in no event be later than the related Distribution Date, (B) such change shall not, as evidenced by an Opinion of Counsel, adversely affect in any material respect the interests of any Certificateholder and (C) such change shall not result in a reduction of the rating assigned to any Class of Certificates below the lower of the then-current rating or the rating assigned to such Certificates as of the Closing Date (without taking into account the related Certificate Guaranty Insurance Policy), as evidenced by a letter from each Rating Agency to such effect,
- (v) to modify, eliminate or add to the provisions of Section 5.02(f) or any other provision hereof restricting transfer of the Class R Certificates by virtue of their being the "residual interests" in the Trust Fund *provided* that (A) such change shall not result in reduction of the rating assigned to any such Class of Certificates below the lower of the then-current rating or the rating assigned to such Certificates as of the Closing Date, as evidenced by a letter from each Rating Agency to such effect, and (B) such change shall not (subject to Section 10.01(f)), as evidenced by an Opinion of Counsel (at the expense of the party seeking so to modify, eliminate or add such provisions), cause the Trust Fund or any of the Certificateholders (other than the transferor) to be subject to a federal tax caused by a transfer to a Person that is not a Permitted Transferee, or
- (vi) to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Agreement or such Custodial Agreement which shall not be materially inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, *provided* that such action shall not, as evidenced by an Opinion of Counsel, adversely affect in any material respect the interests of any Certificateholder and is authorized or permitted under Section 11.01.

(b) This Agreement or any Custodial Agreement may also be amended from time to time by the Depositor, the Master Servicer, the Trustee and the Holders of Certificates evidencing in the aggregate not less than 66% of the Percentage Interests of each Class of Certificates affected thereby for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Agreement or such Custodial Agreement or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of Certificates of such Class; *provided, however*, that no such amendment shall:

(i) reduce in any manner the amount of, or delay the timing of, payments which are required to be distributed on any Certificate without the consent of the Holder of such Certificate,

(ii) adversely affect in any material respect the interest of the Holders of Certificates of any Class in a manner other than as described in clause (i) hereof without the consent of Holders of Certificates of such Class evidencing, as to such Class, Percentage Interests aggregating not less than 66%, or

(iii) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Certificates of any Class the Holders of which are required to consent to any such amendment, in any such case without the consent of the Holders of all Certificates of such Class then outstanding.

(c) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Agreement, the Trustee shall not consent to any amendment to this Agreement unless the Trustee and the Certificate Insurer shall have first received an Opinion of Counsel (at the expense of the party seeking such amendment) to the effect that such amendment or the exercise of any power granted to the Master Servicer, the Depositor or the Trustee in accordance with such amendment will not result in the imposition of a federal tax on the Trust Fund or cause any REMIC created hereunder to fail to qualify as a REMIC at any time that any Certificate is outstanding; *provided*, that if the indemnity described in Section 10.01(f) with respect to any taxes that might be imposed on the Trust Fund has been given, the Trustee shall not require the delivery to it of the Opinion of Counsel described in this Section 11.01(c). The Trustee may but shall not be obligated to enter into any amendment pursuant to this Section that affects its rights, duties and immunities and this Agreement or otherwise; *provided, however*, such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(d) Promptly after the execution of any such amendment the Trustee shall furnish written notification of the substance of such amendment to each Certificateholder. It shall not be necessary for the consent of Certificateholders under this Section 11.01 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, but it shall be sufficient if such consent shall approve the substance thereof. The manner of obtaining such consents and of evidencing the authorization of the execution thereof by Certificateholders shall be subject to such reasonable regulations as the Trustee may prescribe.

(e) The Depositor shall have the option, in its sole discretion, to obtain and deliver to the Trustee any corporate guaranty, payment obligation, irrevocable letter of credit, surety bond, insurance policy or similar instrument or a reserve fund, or any combination of the foregoing, for the purpose of protecting the Holders of the Class R Certificates against any or all Realized Losses or other shortfalls. Any such instrument or fund shall be held by the Trustee for the benefit of the Class R Certificateholders, but shall not be and shall not be deemed to be under any circumstances included in the REMIC. To the extent that any such instrument or fund constitutes a reserve fund for federal income tax purposes, (i) any reserve fund so established shall be an outside reserve fund and not an asset of the REMIC, (ii) any such reserve fund shall be owned by the Depositor, and (iii) amounts transferred by the REMIC to any such reserve fund shall be treated as amounts distributed by the REMIC to the Depositor or any successor, all within the meaning of Treasury regulations Section 1.860G-2(h) in effect as of the Cut-off Date. In connection with the provision of any such instrument or fund, this Agreement and any provision hereof may be modified, added to, deleted or otherwise amended in any manner that is related or incidental to



such instrument or fund or the establishment or administration thereof, such amendment to be made by written instrument executed or consented to by the Depositor and such related insurer but without the consent of any Certificateholder and without the consent of the Master Servicer or the Trustee being required unless any such amendment would impose any additional obligation on, or otherwise adversely affect the interests of the Certificateholders or the Certificate Insurer, the Master Servicer or the Trustee, as applicable; *provided* that the Depositor obtains an Opinion of Counsel (which need not be an opinion of Independent counsel) to the effect that any such amendment will not cause (a) any federal tax to be imposed on the Trust Fund, including without limitation, any federal tax imposed on "prohibited transactions" under Section 860F(a)(1) of the Code or on "contributions after the startup date" under Section 860G(d)(1) of the Code and (b) any REMIC created hereunder to fail to qualify as a REMIC at any time that any Certificate is outstanding. In the event that the Depositor elects to provide such coverage in the form of a limited guaranty provided by General Motors Acceptance Corporation, the Depositor may elect that the text of such amendment to this Agreement shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit K (in which case Residential Funding's Subordinate Certificate Loss Obligation as described in such exhibit shall be established by Residential Funding's consent to such amendment) and that the limited guaranty shall be executed in the form attached hereto as Exhibit L, with such changes as the Depositor shall deem to be appropriate; it being understood that the Trustee has reviewed and approved the content of such forms and that the Trustee's consent or approval to the use thereof is not required.

(f) In addition to the foregoing, any amendment of Section 4.08 of this Agreement shall require the consent of the Limited Repurchase Right Holder as third-party beneficiary.

Section 11.02. Recordation of Agreement; Counterparts.

(a) To the extent permitted by applicable law, this Agreement is subject to recordation in all appropriate public offices for real property records in all the counties or other comparable jurisdictions in which any or all of the properties subject to the Mortgages are situated, and in any other appropriate public recording office or elsewhere, such recordation to be effected by the Master Servicer and at its expense on direction by the Trustee (pursuant to the request of the Certificate Insurer or the Holders of Certificates entitled to at least 25% of the Voting Rights), but only upon direction accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such recordation materially and beneficially affects the interests of the Certificateholders or the Certificate Insurer.

(b) For the purpose of facilitating the recordation of this Agreement as herein provided and for other purposes, this Agreement may be executed simultaneously in any number of counterparts, each of which counterparts shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 11.03. Limitation on Rights of Certificateholders.

(a) The death or incapacity of any Certificateholder shall not operate to terminate this Agreement or the Trust Fund, nor entitle such Certificateholder's legal representatives or heirs to claim an accounting or to take any action or proceeding in any court for a partition or winding up of the Trust Fund, nor otherwise affect the rights, obligations and liabilities of any of the parties hereto.

(b) No Certificateholder shall have any right to vote (except as expressly provided herein) or in any manner otherwise control the operation and management of the Trust Fund, or the obligations of the parties hereto, nor shall anything herein set forth, or contained in the terms of the Certificates, be construed so as to constitute the Certificateholders from time to time as partners or members of an



association; nor shall any Certificateholder be under any liability to any third person by reason of any action taken by the parties to this Agreement pursuant to any provision hereof.

(c) No Certificateholder shall have any right by virtue of any provision of this Agreement to institute any suit, action or proceeding in equity or at law upon or under or with respect to this Agreement, unless such Holder previously shall have given to the Trustee and the Certificate Insurer a written notice of default and of the continuance thereof, as hereinbefore provided, and unless also the Holders of Certificates of any Class evidencing in the aggregate not less than 25% of the related Percentage Interests of such Class, shall have made written request upon the Trustee to institute such action, suit or proceeding in its own name as Trustee hereunder and shall have offered to the Trustee such reasonable indemnity as it may require against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred therein or thereby, and the Certificate Insurer shall have given its written consent and the Trustee, for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity, shall have neglected or refused to institute any such action, suit or proceeding it being understood and intended, and being expressly covenanted by each Certificateholder with every other Certificateholder and the Trustee, that no one or more Holders of Certificates of any Class shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of any provision of this Agreement to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of the Holders of any other of such Certificates of such Class or any other Class, or to obtain or seek to obtain priority over or preference to any other such Holder, or to enforce any right under this Agreement, except in the manner herein provided and for the common benefit of Certificateholders of such Class or all Classes, as the case may be. For the protection and enforcement of the provisions of this Section 11.03, each and every Certificateholder and the Trustee shall be entitled to such relief as can be given either at law or in equity.

#### Section 11.04. Governing Law.

This agreement and the Certificates shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the obligations, rights and remedies of the parties hereunder shall be determined in accordance with such laws.

#### Section 11.05. Notices.

All demands and notices hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered at or mailed by registered mail, postage prepaid (except for notices to the Trustee which shall be deemed to have been duly given only when received), to (a) in the case of the Depositor, 8400 Normandale Lake Boulevard, Suite 250, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55437, Attention: President (RASC), or such other address as may hereafter be furnished to the Master Servicer and the Trustee in writing by the Depositor; (b) in the case of the Master Servicer, 2255 North Ontario Street, Burbank, California 91504-3120, Attention: Bond Administration or such other address as may be hereafter furnished to the Depositor and the Trustee by the Master Servicer in writing; (c) in the case of the Trustee, the Corporate Trust Office or such other address as may hereafter be furnished to the Depositor and the Master Servicer in writing by the Trustee; (d) in the case of Standard & Poor's, 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041; Attention: Mortgage Surveillance or such other address as may be hereafter furnished to the Depositor, Trustee and Master Servicer by Standard & Poor's; (e) Moody's, 99 Church Street, New York, New York 10007, Attention: ABS Monitoring Department, or such other address as may be hereafter furnished to the Depositor, the Trustee and the Master Servicer in writing by Moody's; (f) in the case of the Hedge Agreement Provider, Bear Stearns Financial Products Inc., 383 Madison Avenue-Suite 2700, New York, New York 10179, or such other address as may be hereafter furnished to the Depositor, the Trustee and the Master Servicer in writing by the Hedge Agreement Provider; (g) in the case of the MI Policy Provider, PMI Mortgage Insurance Co., PMI Plaza, 3003 Oak Road, Walnut Creek, California 94597, or such other address as may be hereafter furnished to the Depositor, the Trustee and the Master Servicer in writing by the MI Policy Provider; and (h) in the

case of the Certificate Insurer, 125 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attention: Research and Risk Management, or such other address as may be hereafter furnished to the Depositor, the Trustee and the Master Servicer in writing by the Certificate Insurer. Any notice required or permitted to be mailed to a Certificateholder shall be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, at the address of such holder as shown in the Certificate Register. Any notice so mailed within the time prescribed in this Agreement shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Certificateholder receives such notice.

Section 11.06. Notices to Rating Agencies and the Certificate Insurer.

The Depositor, the Master Servicer or the Trustee, as applicable, shall notify each Rating Agency, the Certificate Insurer and each Subservicer at such time as it is otherwise required pursuant to this Agreement to give notice of the occurrence of, any of the events described in clause (a), (b), (c), (d), (g), (h), (i) or (j) below or provide a copy to each Rating Agency, the Certificate Insurer and each Subservicer at such time as otherwise required to be delivered pursuant to this Agreement of any of the statements described in clauses (e) and (f) below:

- (a) a material change or amendment to this Agreement,
- (b) the occurrence of an Event of Default,
- (c) the termination or appointment of a successor Master Servicer or Trustee or a change in the majority ownership of the Trustee,
- (d) the filing of any claim under the Master Servicer's blanket fidelity bond and the errors and omissions insurance policy required by Section 3.12 or the cancellation or modification of coverage under any such instrument,
- (e) the statement required to be delivered to the Holders of each Class of Certificates pursuant to Section 4.03,
- (f) the statements required to be delivered pursuant to Sections 3.18 and 3.19,
- (g) a change in the location of the Custodial Account or the Certificate Account,
- (h) the occurrence of any monthly cash flow shortfall to the Holders of any Class of Certificates resulting from the failure by the Master Servicer to make an Advance pursuant to Section 4.04,
- (i) the occurrence of the Final Distribution Date, and
- (j) the repurchase of or substitution for any Mortgage Loan, *provided, however*, that with respect to notice of the occurrence of the events described in clauses (d), (g) or (h) above, the Master Servicer shall provide prompt written notice to each Rating Agency, the Certificate Insurer and the related Subservicer of any such event known to the Master Servicer. In addition to the above delivery requirements, the Depositor, the Master Servicer or the Trustee, as applicable, shall provide a copy to the Certificate Insurer, at such time as it otherwise is required to deliver pursuant to this Agreement, of any other written confirmation, written notice or legal opinion.